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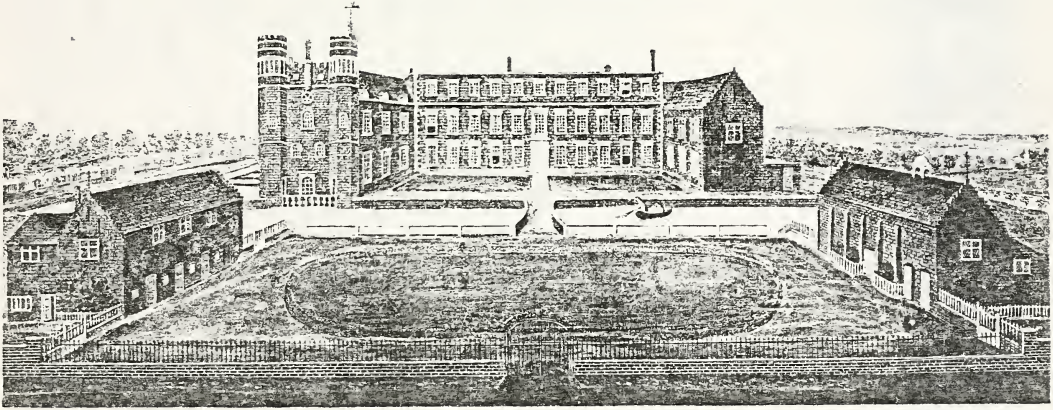

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PREFACE.

WHEN Curate of the Parish, twenty years ago, I used occasionally to examine and copy the Monumental Inscriptions in the Churchyard, and also jot down, in my leisure hours, such facts, as came under my notice, relating to the History of Benenden.

Upon my removal from this rural parish to one of considerable importance, in a large town, my literary gleanings were laid aside, till one day I came across them, and it appeared desirable to utilize the materials which had been collected. I broached the idea to a few friends, and upon receiving a promise of their support, decided to publish my notes. Since arriving at this conclusion, I find the work has grown beyond my original intentions.

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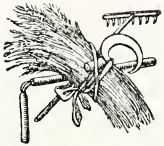

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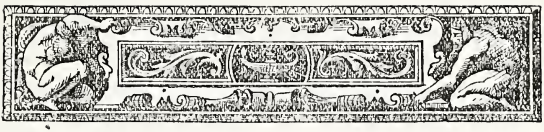


NAME.

Benenden, situate in the Hundreds of Rolvenden, Barkley, Selbrittenden, and Cranbrook,* is one of the few places in the Weald referred to by name in Domesday, and possessed a Church even at that early period. The termination "den" has been discussed at great length by various authors, and may signify either a "valley," or a "woody place." Furley, in his history of the Weald, has propounded various theories, and apparently follows Spelman, who asserts that the Saxon word "den," *alias* "dene," is the same as lair, cave, valley; sometimes (sheep) cote, a resting place (of beasts), whence the origin of the word seems to be derived. But the term "dene," according to another authority, is differently applied in different localities, thus a "dene" in Sussex almost invariably signifies a hollow place among downs—a shelter for sheep; and a "dene" in Kent, seems generally to mean a feeding place for swine.

(Furley. I. pp. 70, 87, 377.)

Lord Cranbrook, in his Lecture on the "Past History of Benenden," arrives at this conclusion:—

* A stone in Hemsted Park marks the spot where the Hundreds of Rolvenden and Cranbrook meet.

the name is said to be derived from "binan"—double, or more than one; and "dene"—a clearing, or lair made in the forest for the feeding of swine and cattle. Benenden had hog pannage in the forest before Ethelred's time. Acorns and beechmast at one time formed food of men as well as swine, &c., and oak trees were very valuable, so that by a law of King Ina, a penalty of 60 shillings was imposed upon any man who unlawfully cut down an oak under which 30 swine could be sheltered. (Page 3.)

The study of Etymology gives ample scope for speculation, thus with the various names ending in "den," some imagine that this termination merely records the home of the family, and according to this theory Benenden would be the Den of the Benes, the name Beney being at one time common. Those who hold the foregoing view maintain that the adjoining parish of Rolvenden was derived from the very common names Relf or Rolf, the plural of which might be Rolfen or Rolven, hence Rolvenden.

Benenden, originally a dene (Binnan, Saxon, "within, twofold"—implying more than *one* dene. Thos. Philipott, 395.) contains the following:—Combdene, Dingledene, Folkendene, Hinxdene, Idene, Ramsdene, Standene, and many others.

It was one of the six denes referred to in the Charter of Ethelred, A.D. 993. Hemsted was another, though not noticed in Domesday, both had become Manors in the thirteenth century, and were held by families of those names.

(Furley, II. 10, 11, 703, 827.)

CHURCH.

Architects, in olden times, displayed great wisdom in the selection of sites for their Churches, and other Ecclesiastical Buildings. We have an instance of this in the Church dedicated to S. George, the tutelary saint of England. It stands nobly at the top of the Green, and upon the crest of a hill. From the summit of the tower a fine view may be obtained of the surrounding landscape.

In the present Church but few traces remain of the ancient fabric. From old wills and similar documents, it is certain that the pre-Reformation Church contained besides the high altar, at least three others dedicated to various saints, for mention is made in 1418 of the consecration of three altars, as well as the blessing of four bells. There was a Chapel and Altar to Our Lady, and several images are mentioned by name as those of SS. John Baptist, Michael, Erasmus, Anthony, Blase, and Katherine.

The old Church was destroyed by fire in 1672, and rebuilt in 1677 and 1678, in the bad taste of the period. Its condition had become sadly dilapidated till restored in 1862, at the expense of the Right Honourable Gathorne-Hardy, Esq., M.P.

The present Church consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles (with chancels shorter than the central), north and south porches (each with a parvise), having a square embattled tower at the west end, with a beacon turret at the north-east corner.

A fine arch, springing from corbels carved in the form of angels, placed at a considerable height, separates the chancel and nave.

The Roof of the Nave is a handsome feature in the building, it is of great pitch, and rests upon stone corbels, every alternate one being brought low down between the arches, the others being immediately beneath the wall-plate.

Arcades of five bays, supported by octagonal columns, divide the nave from the aisles.

The south porch was used as a vestry till quite recently, when the eastern end of the north aisle (close to the organ) was fitted up, and separated from the chancel by a glass screen, to answer that purpose.

Both the font and pulpit are of stone, and modern.

There are some decorated portions in the building; the windows are chiefly perpendicular, and debased perpendicular. Those in the north aisle are square headed. The roofs of the nave, chancel, and sacrarium are covered by a tiled roof, which externally appears on the same level. Both aisles have battlements.

There is a modern lych gate at the north entrance to the Churchyard.

Many remember the Church previous to its alterations in 1861 and 1862. All the interior arches had been Grecianised. The north and south windows in the Sanctuary were blocked up with stone, cemented and whitewashed, and hidden by

memorial stones. The Communion rails formed three sides of an oblong. The ceiling was low and flat, decorated in the centre with a large plaster of Paris rose. There was no chancel arch, but where that now is, the old "three-decker" stood on the south side, whilst the Squire's pew occupied the north side. The font was placed behind the north door. The west end was entirely blocked up with a gallery, there sat the "music," and in front hung the Royal Arms. One day when the Magnificat was being sung, the noise of a fall was heard in the gallery. The music stopped, and the people sat down as unconcernedly as if the end had been reached, and the noise of great tramping came from the gallery. The Vicar, dismayed at this behaviour of the congregation, bent over to the Clerk, asking, "What does all this mean?" To which, with an undisturbed countenance, he replied, "It's only Jim —— in a fit." Jim was carried out, laid on a tombstone to recover, the bearers tramped back to the gallery, the congregation stood up, and the Magnificat was proceeded with.

A small organ was soon introduced, and the singers brought down into what is now the choir. Whilst the Church was being restored the workmen found a piscina, and one or more sedilia. The men were at the time in rather a discontented state, and broke the piscina and sedilia to fragments in the night.

They also destroyed the Parish Stocks, and the "Lock-up." The latter was blown up, and the stocks

were wrested out of the ground, carried down to the Doctor's, and thrown into his garden. They stood close to the Bull Inn, and the lock-up not far from them. Persons still living remember the stocks and lock-up both being used.

Leaden Coffins. When the chamber for the hot air apparatus was excavated two, or more, leaden coffins were removed, and again interred.

Constables' Staves. Some 50 of these hang by small strips of leather to the roof of the Clock Chamber in the tower. With their blue heads hanging down they used to look like ripe plums, and like ripe plums they would fall as the leathers gave way. The staves themselves are gradually mouldering away, they are the relics of a much larger number, about 150. They were used by special constables sworn in at the time of the Machinery Riots, in 1830. The labourers went about destroying all agricultural implements of an improved character, considering them likely to prove injurious to their prosperity. So serious was their attitude at this period, that the military were called out at Benenden, and the Riot Act read.

It is said that able bodied men were playing cricket in the midst of haying and harvest, whilst at the same time they were receiving relief from the Parish. As may be supposed, the Poor Rates were very heavy, amounting at that time to 21/- in the pound.

Sundial at top of Tower. The inscription informs us :—"This Dial was given by Thomas Law Hodges, Esqr., A.D. 1819, for the regulation of the Clock in the Parish Church of Benenden.

Lat. 51. 3. 54."

Vicarage House. It is said that when Mr. Hodges presented his old friend Mr. Boys to his living, he promised to build him a new Vicarage. The Vicar went away whilst this was being done, and when he returned was disappointed to find only a small lath and plaster abode. When the Rev. W. J. Edge was appointed Vicar, four new rooms, and coach house and stables, were added. Further improvements have since been made, of which some account appears hereafter.

VILLAGE GREEN.

Both Hasted and Dearn speak of this as the "play-stool," and inform us that it was used as a bowling green, by the neighbouring gentry, who kept it in repair. The fair was held there annually, May 15. Cricket matches are still played on this open spot.

The name play-stool opens a field for conjecture as to whether the Passion, or Miracle plays, were ever performed at Benenden, as they undoubtedly were at Bethersden and Brookland, Stone and Ruckinge, and numerous other places. (Arch. Cant. XIII. 216.)

The beauty of the Green and Church were enhanced, in 1808, by the removal of an alehouse and some cottages, which formerly existed close to the Church.

Upon this Green some celebrated county cricket matches have been played, one Edward Gower Wenman having been conspicuous in the game.

Though not peculiar to Benenden, in various parts of Kent, all walking sticks or staves are called "bats," and it was common to see old farmers and some labourers walking with "bats," some 4½ or 5 ft long, not spuds. These staves they used for support, and when halting for a talk would place both hands on the top, and so rest. With these "bats," perhaps, were the first wickets defended, at the first dawn of England's National Game of Cricket.

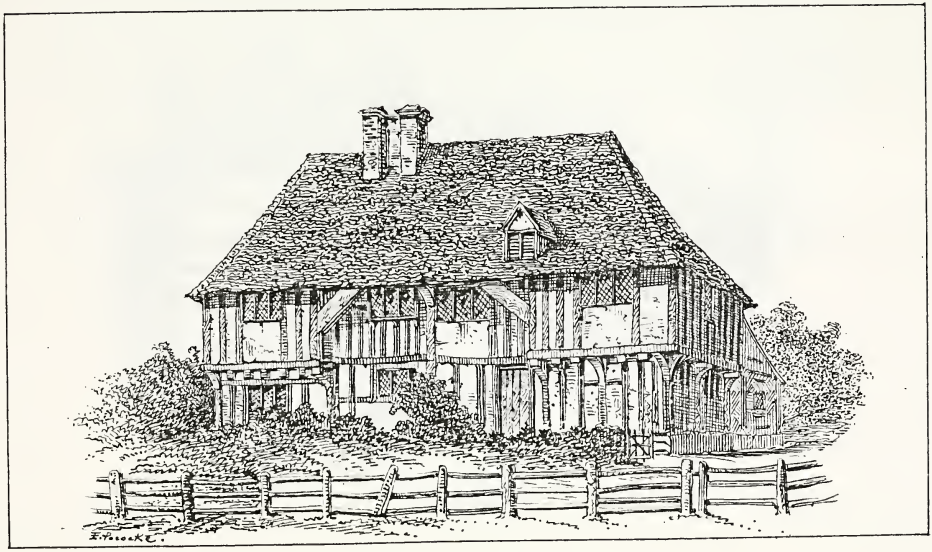
The scores may have been "notched" on these bats. This word is common in Benenden, in the sense of score, where they take a stick and cut a notch in it for every run that is made.

(Kentish Dialect, by W. F. Shaw.)

HOUSES.

Many of the houses of Benenden are very picturesque, with their exposed timber work and high-pitched roofs. The house which goes by the name of the "*Paper Mill*," is a good specimen: it was so named because some thirty years ago brown paper was there manufactured, and had been employed for that purpose for many years.

Mention may also be made of an old farm house at *Dingleden*, with a fine gable, and carved barge-



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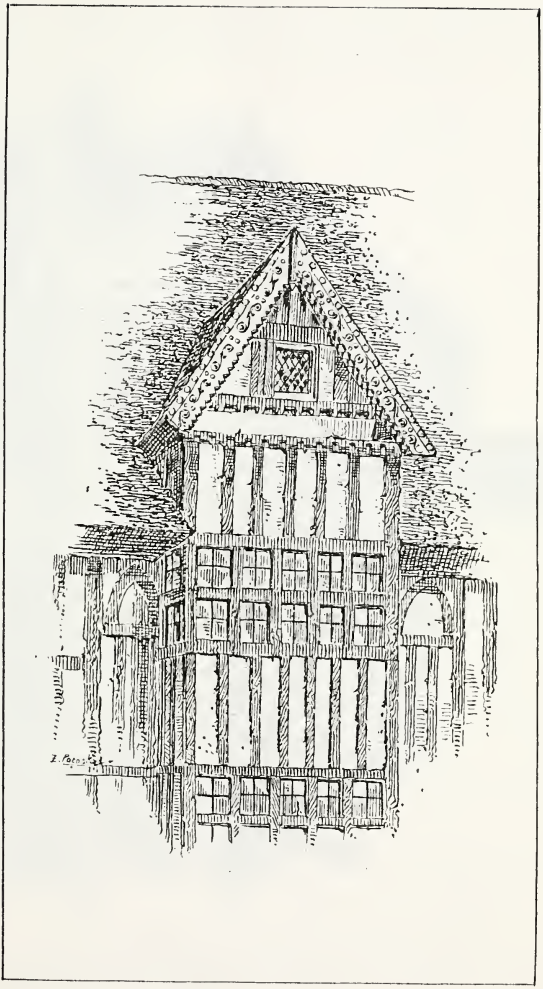

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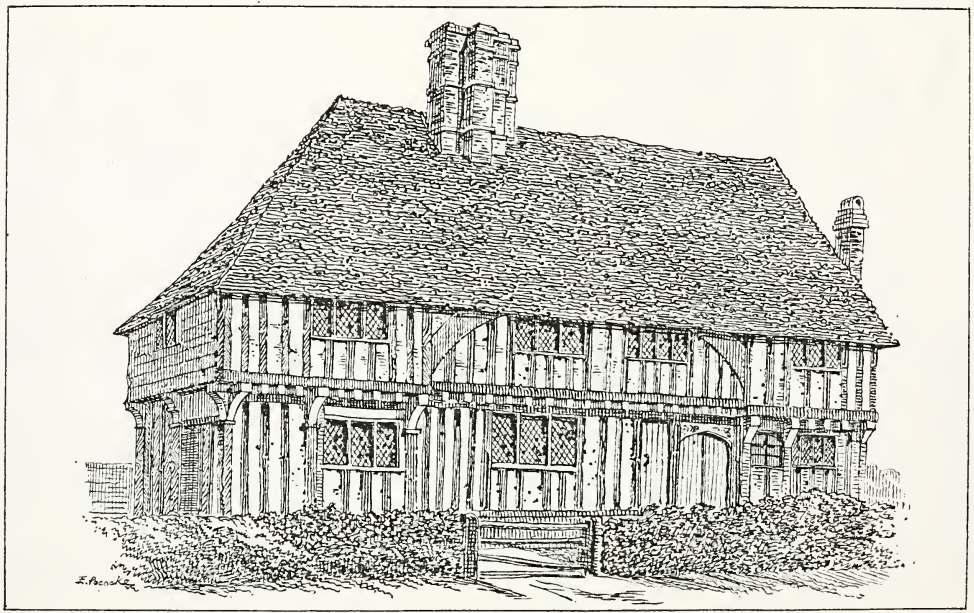

NEAR PUMP FARM, BENENDEN, KENT.

board. It is undoubtedly very ancient. In general form, it somewhat resembles Shrewsbury Abbey, circa 1350, as engraved in Parker's "Glossary of Architecture."

Pump Farm, said to have been formerly the residence of a branch of the family of Gibbon, contains much timber. On a window-bracket of the house is incised the date 1583. A house known as *Chatham Dock* is modern, having no special features; but as its name suggests enquiry, it may be here stated that it was so called because built of timber, bought by Mr. Boys at Chatham Docks.

COINS FOUND.

Several ancient coins have, at various times, been found at Benenden.

1. A small gold coin of the 3rd cent. from Central India. This, like a fly in amber, is curious, not so much because it is rare; but how did it get there? It was picked up by Rev. W. H. F. Edge, son of the former Vicar, in a hop garden near the Paper Mill. It had probably been brought to the spot in manure, which had been spread over the land.

2. *Coin of Henry* III. This is a silver penny, and was discovered in the garden of the Vicarage.

3. *Coin of James* I. found near the School, bordering on the Green.

4. *Abbey Pieces.* Several of these were picked up, and some half a dozen in the Vicarage garden.

They are very thin, and of some copper alloy. Impressed with various devices and legends.

Perhaps they were early cheques, thus, if a man took milk or eggs to an Abbey, he did not receive cash down, but the proper amount of these cheques, which would be converted into coin at the Abbey on certain days, or into goods if more convenient to both parties. The mystery of their discovery remains, and may be best explained by the theory suggested above.

At Smarden a leaden seal of Pope Innocent IV., dated about A.D. 1245, which had been at one time attached to a Papal Bull, was discovered in the orchard of the Rectory. A portion of the ancient moat still existing had been cleared out in 1861, and the mud taken therefrom spread upon the grass.

(See Antiquities of Smarden, also Memorials of Smarden, pp. 21, and 299.)

SOIL.

This consists of stiff Wealden Clay. A band by the Churchyard is said to be the heaviest known. The soil is particularly suited for the cultivation of hops, and even in bad years, when the crops of neighbouring parishes have almost failed, there has frequently been found a fair sprinkling at Benenden.

Some years ago it was imagined that "Marl" would lighten and improve the soil, and a pit was

dug in nearly every field to obtain the marl. It proved very harmful in after years, but the innumerable ponds in Benenden show how largely the trial was made. These ponds may also have been employed for the cultivation of fish for the fast days, at one time rigidly observed.

COAL

Has been found in thin layers at East End in stone pits; and when the Well for the Schools was dug, a narrow band of seeming coal was discovered. It burnt with profuse smoke, and was of no practical use.

The village is noted for its healthiness. At the time of the Plague the death rate was not at all increased. Dearn notes that there were living in 1813, 50 persons upwards of 70 years, 24 above 80, and 3 who had passed their 90th year. There is, however, no record of a centenarian upon any of the monuments.

Owing to the elevated position of Benenden, streams flow therefrom into both the British Channel and German Ocean; a stream in one direction flowing into the Rother, whilst a brook, in another part of the parish forms a tributary, of the Medway.

POLITICAL.

ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

By William Tarbutt.

Page 199, lines 26 and 29 for Marshall, read Marsham.
" " last line but two, for 1795, read 1796.

The subjoined figures show the wonderful changes which have taken place in the Electorate, and will interest those who study the Politics of Kent.

REGISTERED ELECTORS IN KENT SINCE 1734.

1734.	Total number in the County about		-	17,000
1874.	East Kent Division	-	-	12,605
	Mid Kent "	-	-	8,905
	West Kent "	-	-	11,972
			Total	33,482
1888.	Eastern, or St. Augustine's Division		-	12,522
	Isle of Thanet	"	-	8,045
	Mid, or Medway	"	-	13,857
	North Eastern, or Faversham	"	-	11,513
	North Western, or Dartford	"	-	12,157
	Southern, or Ashford	"	-	13,535
	South Western, or Tunbridge	"	-	11,355
	Western, or Sevenoaks	"	-	11,487
			Total	94,471

BENENDEN CHURCH, KENT. N. SIDE. A.D. 1808.

Monumental Inscriptions

IN THE PARISH OF

BENENDEN,

KENT.

:o:

IN THE CHURCH.

CHANCEL.

(On the Glass of East Window.)

In honour of God and in
affectionate remembrance
of his father and mother
JOHN and ISABEL HARDY
✠ G : H ✠ MDCCCLXII.

(On the Reredos.)

To the glory of God, and in thankful remembrance
of fifty years of happiness granted to our
parents 1838 ✠ 1888.

(Brass on Chancel Arch, North Side, close to Pulpit.)

In memory of RICHARD FARLEY, who
having been parish clerk and sexton
of Benenden for 27 years, died
suddenly on the 12th February, 1874, aged 57.
The vicar of the parish, WILLIAM JOHN EDGE,
hereby records his grief for the loss of
one whom he greatly esteemed, and who for
nearly sixteen years was his constant and
faithful assistant in all the services of
this house of God.

NORTH CHANCEL.

(Marble Monument against North Window.)

Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS HALLETT HODGES of Hempstead-Place, in this parish, Esq. High-Sheriff of the county of Kent, in the year 1786; who died June 23, 1801; aged 47 years; and of DOROTHY HODGES his wife (youngest daughter of WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT of Marnham in the county of Nottingham Esq.) who died January 21, 1800; aged 48. They left five surviving children; THOMAS-LAW HODGES of Hempstead-Place Esq.; HENRY HODGES, B.A. of Trinity-College, Cambridge; EDMUND HODGES; ANN-ELIZABETH HODGES; and JULIA-FRANCES HODGES.
Their second son, JOHN HODGES, died, on board the Warley East-Indiaman, on his passage from Madras to China, October 9, 1793; aged 16 years. And their fourth son, FRANCIS-WILLOUGHBY HODGES, third Lieutenant of his majesty's frigate Diana, died of the yellow-fever, on board of that ship in the West-Indies, July 15, 1800; aged 17 years. Three of their children died in their infancy, and are buried in the same vault with their father and mother, viz.

GEORGE HODGES, who died March 25, 1784; aged 14 days.
CHARLES HODGES, who died April 7, 1786; aged 1 month, and 21 days.
CAROLINE-DOROTHY HODGES, who died October 26, 1791; aged 1 month and 6 days.

Ere sin could blight, or sorrow fade,
Death came, with friendly care;
These op'ning buds to heav'n convey'd,
And bade them blossom there.

(White Marble Tablet on black ground.)

Sacred
to the memory of REBECCA,
wife of THOMAS LAW HODGES, esq^re.
of Hemsted in this parish,
only child of Sir ROGER TWISDEN, bart,
of Bradbourne Park in East Malling,
who died a short time before her birth;
she was the last survivor of that
ancient family:
born at Bradbourne Jan^ry. 5th. 1780,
married Feb^ry 16th. 1802,
died at Hemsted Feb^ry 2nd. 1843.
her affectionate duty to widowed mother.
her love for her husband and children,
and her active sympathy with the sufferings
of the afflicted and the needy,
were sanctified by an unfailing trust
in the merits of her Saviour,
and the deepest resignation to the
divine will.

"I am the resurrection and the life:
he that believeth in me, though he
were dead, yet shall he life: and
whosoever liveth and believeth in
me, shall never die."

11th. chap. St. John 25th. 26th. verses.

[Arms below: Or, 3 crescents sa. on a canton of the second a ducal crown of the first. Motto: Prævisa mala periunt.]

(White Marble Tablet on black ground.)

Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS LAW HODGES esquire, of Hemsted.
deputy lieutenant of the county of Kent,
justice of the peace for the counties of Kent
& Sussex, chairman of the quarter sessions for
many years & major in the West Kent Militia, he
represented the county and subsequently to the
passing the reform bill the western division in
five parliaments, he married in 1802 REBECCA, only
child of Sir ROGER TWISDEN, bart, and had issue
THOMAS TWISDEN HODGES, esq^re^ who married
first, MARY ANN FLORETTA CHANDLESS & 2^ndly^
ROSA WILSON, widow of general Sir W. NOTT,
K.C.B.—ANNE REBECCA, wife of
COOK TYLDEN PATTENSON esq^re^
FRANCES DOROTHY, wife of the hon^ble^
ROBERT FORBES—CAROLINE CORDELIA HODGES-
JULIA ELIZABETH wife of the rev^d^
W. M. SMITH MARRIOTT—KATHARINE wife of
WILLIAM PHARETH esq^re^—CHARLOTTE LYDIA,
wife of EDWARD BARRETT CURTIES esq^re^—
FRANCIS, FREDERICK GEORGE—& OWEN,
who all three died in infancy—
A true patriot, a kind and liberal landlord, an
unfailing friend to the poor—faithful in every
relation of public & private life, he served his
generation according to the will of God, and now

rests in sure and certain hope of a blessed
resurrection, through the merits of his redeemer
born June 3rd 1776—died May 14th 1857.
"He that believeth in me hath everlasting life." John c 6. v 47.

(Same as last Tablet.)

FLORETTA MARY ANNE,
only daughter of
THOMAS CHANDLESS,
of York Place London, esqre.
the beloved wife of
THOMAS TWISDEN HODGES, esqre.
born August 28th 1797,
died at Sandgate April 18th 1849,
leaving no issue.
Her devoted affection for her husband,
her extensive and unostentatious charities
to the sick and distressed poor, will never
be forgotten by those, who knew her well!
may our blessed redeemer
reward her in his heavenly kingdom!
her mortal remains are placed
in the family vault in this church,
awaiting a joyful resurrection.

(On the floor behind the Organ.)

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Here lyes
the body of EDWARD
GULDEFORD, of
Hempsted Esq:

who dy'd, the 4 : of
September 1678.
And ANNE
GULDEFORD
his wife Daughter
of Sr. ROB :
THROCKMORTON
of Coughton in
the County of Warwick who
died ye 3 : of December
1710
Requiescant in Pace.

[Parish Register : Dec. 9. Dame Anna Mariah Guldeford, Widow.]

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Here lyes
the Body of Dame
MARY FORTESCUE
widow of Sr. EDWARD
FORTESCUE of
Bragnam) who dy'd
the 30th of June
1693.
Requiescant in Pace

[Register has :—1694. July ye 10th Dame Mary Ffortescue Widow.]

SOUTH CHANCEL.

(Mural Brass.)

Vnder this stone doeth lye bvried
ye body of EDMOND GIBBON late of this
Pish of Benninden, who dyed ye last
of Ianvary, in Anno Dni. 1607. who was
ye principall fovnder of ye free scole of
Benninden & gave the livinge that
thereto belongeth.

(East Window.)

A Memorial || of thanksgiving || June 12 1867 ||
J. S. H. C. M. W. H.

[On the occasion of the marriage of Hon. John Stewart Hardy]

(Window.)

In. memory. of || JANE. ISABEL. HARDY || born March 16th 1843. died Jvne 21st 1862

(On South Wall.)

P. SCHEEMAKERS Sculp'
Anno Domini 1750.

Near this place are deposited the Remains of
the R^t Honble Sir JOHN NORRIS of Hempstead,
who after fifty years faithful service in
the Royal-Navy, attained the supreme Command,
with the rank of Admiral of the Fleet &
Vice Admiral of England.
It is but bare justice to his memory to say,
since so much at least may be said

with the strictest truth,
that there never breathed a better Seaman,
a greater Officer, a braver Man,
a more zealous Wellwisher
to the present Establishment,
nor consequently a truer Englishman
than this SIR JOHN NORRIS.

[There is a marble bust above the monument, and beneath the inscription :—

Arms : Quarterly, argent and gules, a fret or ; impaling Arg. a cross sa. between four Cornish choughs ppr.

Crest : a Cornish chough rising. ppr.

Curiously the date of his death is not given, but Hasted III., p. 83, says, Sir John Norris, Knt., died May 13, 1749, leaving issue by Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Matthew, Lord Aylmer, 4 sons, of whom John Norris Esq., his eldest, succeeded him here, and resided at Hemsted.]

(Beneath the foregoing.)

Sacred to the beloved memory
of Mrs SARAH NORRIS, Daughter of the Rt Honbl SIR JOHN NORRIS
The delight and constant source of inexpressible happiness to all
who knew her—Her Soul was delivered from this earthly prison
on Jany 19th 1762. in the 50th year of her Age. to receive the reward
of the righteous in the paradise of God—READER—if a Life whose
uniform pursuit was every virtue that cou'd adorn her Sex—
if an illustrous example of uncommon Piety in a dissipated Age—
if the brightest elegance of manners with the warmest
Benevolence of Soul Mark the character of a Woman worthy
to be recorded to Posterity—here, let the tear drop and
hence Receive the accomplished Portrait of female excellence—
Her afflicted Nephew JOHN AMBROSE, of Mount Ambrose

in the County of Dublin, and Kingdom of Ireland, caused this to be inserted—to perpetuate his irreparable loss, and in testimony of his affection for the Memory of the best of Women.—

Anno nostræ salutis
1791.

(Window.)

To the Memory of || EDITH ELIZABETH GRAHAM ||
born January 31st 1847 died January 8th 1875 ||

SOUTH AISLE.

Sacred
to the memory of
JOHN SAMUEL LAZONBY, esqre.
who practised as a surgeon &c. for many
years in this parish;
he died Novr. 3rd A.D. 1835,
aged 43 years.
This tablet
is erected by his friends and neighbours,
who will long deplore the loss of one
so distinguished for his professional skill
zeal and benevolence,
so highly respected for his integrity & morals,
and so endeared to all by his amiable manners
his unostentatious charity
and his unaffected
piety.

(Brass Plate beneath a Window.)

This . Window . is erected . in . affectionate . remembrance . of . THOMAS . & . SARAH . NEVE . A.D. 1868.

Sacred to the memory of
FREDERICK BOYS,
the 6th son of the revd DANIEL BOYS,
vicar of this parish,
and SARAH RIDER his wife,
who departed this life on the
13th March 1844,
aged 24 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
the revd DANIEL BOYS. M.A.
of St Johns College Cambridge,
51 years vicar of this parish;
and 47 years vicar of Brookland,
in this county,
who died September 11th 1857,
aged 80 years.
also of SARAH RIDER, widow of the above named
DANIEL BOYS, she died August 4th 1863, aged 79 years.

Sacred to the memory of
DANIEL BOYS,
eldest son
of the above named DANIEL BOYS,
and late of this parish
and of Finchley Road Hampstead,
who departed this life

23rd October 1873,
aged 65 years.
his strict integrity,
combined with his many virtues,
endeared him to all who knew him.

(Ornamental Brass Plate on the Wall.)

The Body and Chancel of this Church, being much dilapidated. were to a great extent rebuilt beau=
=tified and with the exception of the Font entire=
=ly refurnished in the years of our Lord 1861 and 1862 at the sole expense of The Right
Honourable CATHORNE HARDY M.P.
of Hemsted park. in this parish the Church was reopened for Divine service Easter Day A.D. 1862 and the Inhabitants of Benenden desirous to record their Grati=
=tude to God and their deep sense of obli=
=gation to their Benefactor. for this good work have erected this Tablet as a Memorial to future generations.
Augt A.D. 1866.

In memory of
Mary wife of Thomas Hunt and one
of the daughters of Anthony Paul
of Halden in this county, she departed
this life in the month of January 1759,
Thomas Hunt above named who
departed this life in the month of May 1783
Philadelphia wife of Paul Hunt who

departed this life in the month of Oct.r 1792,
REBECCA MAGDALEN widow of the above
named THOMAS HUNT, who departed
this life in the month of May 1805
and of PAUL HUNT, above named, who
departed this life without issue, in the
month of May 1826, aged 71 years.
he was the only child of THOMAS HUNT
by Mary his wife; and the only surviving
descendant of ANTHONY PAUL.

TOWER.

(Brass on front of ringing floor.)

The . west . window . of . this . church . was . erected . in
memory . of . THOMAS . LAW . HODGES . Esq.re
by . the . tenantry . on . the . Hemsted . estate . A.D. 1866.

This church was
ruined
by a Storm of Thunder & Lightning
30th December, 1672,
and Rebuilt 1677 and Finished
in the year 1678.

STEP.N SHARPEIGH Gent, RICHARD CRYER,	Churchwardens.
RICHARD SHARPE Gent, THOMAS HUNT.	Sidemen.
JAMES MUNN, JOHN CHITTENDEN	Churchwardens for the year 1713.

[On the fly leaf of the Parish Register, which begins 1653, is this entry:—July 21. 1678 first child baptized in the New Church.]

NORTH AISLE.

Sacred
to the memory of
RICHARD DAVIS, esquire,
of this parish;
who departed this life
13th November, 1828,
aged 72 years.
and of
MARGARET,
relict of the above;
who departed this life
28th May, 1847,
aged 84 years.

IN THE CHURCHYARD.

EAST OF THE CHURCH.

(Within enclosed ground.)

An unspotted
life
is old age.
HAROLD GATHORNE-HARDY,
born 24th March 1850.
died 11th June 1881.
"He that believeth in me though he
were dead yet shall he live."

He giveth His beloved sleep.
JANE . ISABEL . HARDY
Born March 16 1843
Died June 21 1862.

Sacred
to the memory of
THOMAS MANWARING
of this parish;
who died November 28th 1849,
aged 50 years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
EDWARD GOWER, Son of
EDWARD and ELIZH
GOWER, of this Parish. who died

June 17th 1823,
Aged 63 *Years.*
Also MARY, their Daughter, who
died May 16th 1835, Aged 68 Years.
Also ELIZR their Daughter who
died Feby 25th 1836, Aged 71 Years.

In Memory of
EDWARD GOWER, Senr.
late of this Parish, Who died
4th July 1804, Aged 68 Years.
Also ELIZABETH his Wife,
Who died 18th July, 1794,
Aged 65 Years.
JOHN *their Son, died* 15th *June* 1767,
Aged 4 *Years, Their Surviving Issue,*
EDWARD, ELIZABETH, MARY, *and* ANN.
As also JOHN, *his Son* (*by* ELIZABETH
his second Wife, whom he left surviving)
who died in his infancy.
Likewise near this Place are Buried
in one Grave, the Father and Mother
of the said EDWARD GOWER: *Who*
died nearly at the same time: also
their Sons GEORGE, JOHN, ROBERT *& his Wife.*

Sacred
to the memory of
ROBERT SHOOBRIDGE,
who died Novr. 26th 1874,
aged 79 years.

SARAH,
wife of ROBERT SHOOBRIDGE,
of *this parish*, who died May 9th 1828,
aged 39 years.
left issue surviving 5 sons,
and 1 daughter (viz) Thos. GEORGE,
ROBERT, JAMES, CHARLES,
and SILVESTER.

Sacred
to the memory of
ROBERT SHOOBRIDGE,
of this parish:
who died May 10th 1848,
Aged 81 Years.
Leaving a Widow,
four Sons and two Daughters;
viz. RICHARD, JOHN, ROBERT, SAMUEL,
MARY and SARAH.
"Prepare to meet thy God." Amos ch. iv. vr. xii.
also of SARAH, Wife of the above
who died February 23rd 1854,
Aged 84 Years.

In Memory of
WILLIAM SHOOBRIDGE,
who died 26th June 1819, aged 46 years.
also of
PHILADELPHIA his wife
who died 7th April 1845 aged 77 years.

SARAH SHOOBRIDGE,
died Novr 22. 1781,
Aged 1 Year & 10 Months.

In
Memory of
JAMES Son of JOSEPH
and ANN SHOOBRIDGE,
of this Parish; who died
the 21st of May 1825,
Aged 10 Months & 10 Days.

(Upright Cross.)

I H S
CHARLES . NEVE .
. late . curate . of . Woolston .
. eldest . son . of .
. RICHARD & EMMA . NEVE .
born . Dec . 15 . 1858 .
. entered . into . rest . Mar . 12 . 1886 .
"Watch and pray."

In memory of
CHARLES MARSHALL, M.A.
vicar of St Bride's, Fleet S^t for 36 years,
and Prebendary of St Paul's,
who died 29th of January 1883,
in the 80th year of his age.

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and of
SARAH ELIZABETH, his wife;
who died at her residence, Ripley Court, Surrey,
on the 4th of August 1883,
in her 72nd year.

"I know that my redeemer liveth." Job xix 25.

In memory of
FRANCIS BOYS, born 31st May 1821. died 10th Octr 1878.

In affectionate remembrance of
DANIEL BOYS,
the eldest son of the late revd DANIEL BOYS
for many years vicar of this parish,
born 28th Augst 1808, died 23rd Octr 1873.

Erected
to the Memory of
JOHN DUNGEY,
late of Maidstone, who departed
this Life July 8th 1831 Aged 63 Years.
Also ANN, Wife of the above who
departed this Life Jany 28th 1830,
Aged 60 Years.

"*And as it is appointed unto Men once to die,*
but after this the Judgment."

This stone was erected by order of his
sole Executor Mr JOHN KIRBY,
of Maidstone, Victualler.

"Our days upon earth are a shadow." Job. 8 Chap. 9 Ver.

Sacred
to the memory of
JANE,
wife of OWEN SOUTHON,
who died December 4th 1852.
aged 24 years.
leaving a husband and one son
viz, JAMES-SHOOBRIDGE, aged 16 months,
to lament the loss of an affectionate wife
and a kind mother.
also of the above named
JAMES-SHOOBRIDGE SOUTHON
born August 7th 1851, died April 16th 1855.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away:
blessed be the Name of the Lord." Job. 1 Chap. xii. Ver.

In Memory of
JANE,
the kind and affectionate wife of
JAMES SHOOBRIDGE,
of this Parish:
who died on March the 3rd 1847,
aged 71 years.
also of the above named
JAMES SHOOBRIDGE,
who died on May the 4th 1853,
aged 77 years.
Life is short, Death is sure,
Sin the cause, Christ the cure.

In Memory of
ELIZABETH wife of
WILLIAM BARROW,
who died July ye 22nd 1770
Aged 20 Years.
Also WILLIAM her Son
who died an Infant.

She like a Rose was fresh and Gay
But now is cut down and lies like clay.

In Memory
of JAMES BARROW
of this **Parish**
Yeo: who Died
ye 19th of Augt 1757
Aged 47 Years.

Also in
Memory of
ELIZABETH, Wife
of JAMES BARROW
she died May ye 15th
1782 Aged 71 Years.

Left Issue 5 Sons & one Daughter,
JAMES, WILL^M THO^S LARENCE
JOHN & ELIZA^TH

In memory of
JOHN BARNS,
of this parish, who died Decr 11th 1833,
aged 26 years.
leaving a widow and one daughter,
MIRRIAM, to lament their loss.
Also of MIRIAM CLARK,
daughter of the above named
who departed this life Sep^t 1st 1862,
aged 29 years.

I was cut down while in my bloom,
It was Gods will to be;
In Heaven with him I hope to dwell,
And my blessed Saviour see;
Grieve not my tender Parents dear,
May Christ your comfort be;
And we together pray God to meet,
To all Eternity.

(On the side of a Ledger Stone.)

In memory of EMMA EDGE, born 27 Novr 1817, married 31 Jany 1839, & died 25 Novr 1871.

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord:

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I am
the resurrection and the life,
saith the Lord.

Sacred
to the memory of
GEORGE LANSDELL,
of Eaglesden, in this parish,
who died August 8th 1881,
aged 71 years.
"His soul to Him who gave it rose,
God led it to its long repose,
its glorious rest."
also of
HARRIET,
wife of the above,

who died April 30th 1887,
aged 73 years.

"Blessed are the dead which
die in the Lord."

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In affectionate remembrance of
JOSEPH RELF
of Mount Pleasant,
who died June 26th 1865,
aged 43 years.
Leaving surviving a Widow
and 4 Children.
viz. ELIZA-JANE, JOSEPH, KATHERINE,
and JOHN.

Submissive to Thy will, O God,
The justice of that will we own,
'Tis Thine to use the chastening rod
'Tis ours to say, "Thy will be done."

Sacred
to the memory of
JOSEPH RELF,
Yeoman of this Parish;
who died May 12th 1844,
aged 73 years.
left surviving FRANCES his widow
& two children 1 son & 1 daughter viz.
JOSEPH & FRANCES-JANE.
also CAROLINE ELIZABETH,
daughter of the above

JOSEPH & FRANCES RELF,
who died September 13th 1843,
aged 22 years.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

In Memory of
ROHN RELF of this *Parish*,
who departed this Life 24th February 1823,
Aged 85 Years.
Also ELIZABETH his first Wife,
who died 8th September 1772,
Aged 28 Years.
And of JEMIMA his Second Wife,
who died 30th July 1790,
Aged 43 Years.
Also of one Daughter ELIZABETH,
Aged 25 Years is buried in the adjoining
Grave.

Left Surviving by his former Wife 2 Sons and 1 Daughter.
And by the latter 2 Sons and 3 Daughters.

In Memory of
JOHN GUDE, of this *Parish;* who
died Jany 20th 1793,
Aged 59 Years.
Left Issue 1 Son, & 2 Daughters, (viz)
JOHN, MARY, and ELIZTH
Also MARY, his Wife who died
Sepr 20th 1797 Aged 67 Years.

In Memory of
MARY Eldest Daughter of
JOHN and MARY GUDE,
Second Wife of JOHN SPARKS.
of this Parish; who departed this
Life *(with a Cancer in the
Breast)* February the 24th 1817,
Aged 54 Years.

With patience to the last she did submit,
And murmur'd not at what the Lord thought fit
But unto God her Soul she did resign,
Leaving this World and Friends behind;
Oh! may we meet again in realms above,
To sing and praise Redeeming Love.

In Memory of
JOHN GUDE, Bachelor,
son of JOHN, and
MARY GUDE, of this Parish
who died March 16th 1832,
Aged 68 Years.

In Memory of
JOHN WENMAN,
of this Parish who died June 21st
1821, Aged 46 Years.
Leaving a Widow, 3 Sons, and
1 Daughter.
Also ELIZABETH, Wife of the
above who died Septr. 14th 1845,
Aged 79 Years.

In memory of
GEORGE, son of JOHN,
and ELIZABETH WENMAN
of this parish,
who died Jany 19th 1837,
aged 31 years.
also EMMA, born Jan^ry 9th 1843
died Sepr 18th 1848.
THOMAS-SMITH, born
June 19th 1833, died Octr 4th 1848.
ELLEN-ELIZABETH, born
July 29th 1847, died March 25th 1849
FREDERICK-GEORGE, born
Jan^ry 13th 1839, died April 6th 1861.
children of JOHN-GUDE,
and SARAH WENMAN.

In affectionate remembrance of
MARY GUDE
the beloved wife of
FREDERICK TURTLE, M.D.
of London.
born January 11th 1832.
died December 10th 1864.

(Close to the Vicarage Gardens.)

Sacred
to the memory of
JOHN SPARKS, late
of Stansted in the
County of Hertfordshire.

who departed this Life
November 30th 1825,
Aged 61 Years.

In Memory of
MARY Wife of JOHN SPARKS,
who departed this Life Jany 18th
1807, Aged 42 Years.

Affliction sore, Two Years I bore;
Physicians were in vain.
The Lord did please to call me hence
And ease me of my pain.

In Memory
of AMY Wife of Thos Day,
of the Parish who died
April the 30th 1806,
aged 51 Years.
Left Issue One Son JAMES,

My early Days was Health and strength
My latter Days was Grief and pain;
The Lord did much for me at last,
He took me with him to Remain.

SALLY BROWN
died
Novr 13, 1778: aged 20.

ANN BROWN
died June
17, 1771: Aged 7 Months.

[Register 1771. June 21 Ann D. of Greenland Brown Inft.]

Sacred
to the memory of
ANN, Widow of
Mr. W. MASTERS, of Rolvenden,
formerly the Wife of Mr. J. SPARKS,
of this Parish;
And for twenty years a faithful Servant
and friend to the family of
THOMAS LAW-HODGES esqre.
late of Hemsted;
She departed this life
in humble hope of a blessed Resurrection
through the merits of her Redeemer,
on the 4th. of September 1860,
Aged 77 Years.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Sacred
to the memory of
WILLIAM BUCKLAND,
of this Parish, who died March 11th.
1833, Aged 71 Years.
Left surviving REBECCA, his Wife,
two Sons, and one Daughter.
Also of REBECCA, Wife of the
above who died January 10th.
1852, Aged 89 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOS ELCOCK BUCKLAND,

Son of WILLIAM *and*
REBECCA BUCKLAND,
of this Parish; who died
November the 23d 1814,
In the 31st Year of his Age.

I was cut down all in my prime,
And you my Friends I leave behind,
Prepare for Death without delay,
I suddenly was call'd away:
Death doth not always warning give,
Therefore be careful how you live;
On Christ alone your Souls rely,
That precious bleeding Sacrifice.

Sacred
to the Memory of WILLIAM,
Son of WILLIAM
and REBECCA BUCKLAND,
of this Parish,
who died Decr. the 22nd 1809,
in the 23d Year of his Age,
Also JAMES, *and* GEORGE,
their Sons who died
in their infancy.

With patience to the last he did submit,
And murmur'd not at what the Lord thought fit.
But unto God his Soul he did resign,
Leaving this world and friends behind:
Oh! may we meet again in realms above,
To sing and praise redeeming love.

In Memory of

THOMAS Son of GEORGE and
REBELLE ELCOCK, of this *Parish;*
who died August 6th 1783,
Aged 10 Years, and 11 Months.

We say he's dead, alas he cannot die,
He's only chang'd to Immortality:
He grieves not, sighs no more, his race is run,
Successfully that was so well begun:
Weep not for him, who has no cause of tears,
Hush then your sighs, and calm your needless fears.

Sacred

to the Memory of
REBELLE Wife of (sic)
GEORGE ELCOCK,
of this Parish; who died
March the 26th 1815,
Aged 72 Years.
Left Surviving Two Daughters
REBECCA, and ANN,
Also ANN Daughr of the above
GEORGE & REBELLA ELCOCK,
died Jany the 14th 1817, Aged 48 Years.

(Covered with moss, difficult to read.)

Sacred
to the Memory of two Children
SAMUEL and PHILADELPHIA BARNS
late of this Parish
CAROLINE died Oct 30th 1815, aged 5 years
and 8 months.
AMOS died Dec 7th 1815, aged 2 years and
4 months.

Weep not for us our Parents dear,
  For we are with the Lord :
Remember what our Saviour saith,
  You must become as children are
Or you shall not see God,
  Farewell, my Dearest Babes, no more shall I
Thy azure eyes behold ;
  The short career which thou hast run
Is like a tale when told,
  This busy world with all its cares,
Is vanish'd from thy sight,
  It had no charms to fill thy mind
Nor to impede thy flight,
  With partial fondness oft have I
Thy lovely forms survey'd
  But now my sweetest Babes you'e gone
Farewell departed shades,
  In Heaven the home of virtuous mind
We hope to meet again,
  And there the one Jehovah Praise,
With the Angelic Train.

In
Memory of
WILL^M. TYE, of this
Parish; he died June
14. 1774,
aged 60 Years.
Also in Memory of
ELIZ^TH. RABSON, late
of this Parish Spinster
she died Decr. 25. 1802,
aged 75 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
RICHARD MILLS,
of Pump House, in this parish,
who departed this life March 5th
1845, in the 82nd year of his age.
also ELIZABETH, his wife,
who died March 21st 1845,
in the 66th year of her age.
left surviving 3 sons,
RICHARD, GEORGE, and EDMUND.

In Memory of
RICHARD MILLS,
late of Pump farm,
in this parish,
who died Jany 25th 1882,
aged 83 years.

Thy will be done.

In Affectionate Remembrance of
PETER PINYON Esqre
surgeon, of this parish,
who died December 31st
1873, aged 42 years.
universally respected.
leaving a widow, and one
son GEORGE-BEALE.
Also of FANNY WITHERDEN,
wife of the above

PETER PINYON,
who died April 14th 1884,
Aged 49 years.

In Affectionate Remembrance of
RICHARD FARLEY
of this parish,
who died February 12th
1874, aged 57 years.
leaving FRANCES-MATILDA,
his widow to mourn her loss.

"Watch therefore, for ye know not
what hour your Lord doth come."

Here rest the remains of
HENRIETTA MATILDA,
wife of
WILLIAM WESTON
and dearly loved child of
WILLIAM & MARY CHENNELL;
Died May 29th 1872, aged 41 years.

'Come unto me all that are weary and heavy laden and
I will give you rest.'

This stone is erected in fond remembrance by her mother.

Sacred to the Memory of
CHARLOTTE daughter of
RICHARD and ELIZABETH MILLS
(of this parish)
who departed this life
at Maidstone in this county,

December 5th 1835, aged 25 years.
also ELIZA, their daughter
died March 27th 1837 aged 21 years.

In Memory of
ALFRED, Son of
RICHARD & ELIZABETH MILLS,
of this Parish,
who Departed this Life Octr. 22nd 1810,
Aged 7 Years.

Fond Parents though wise Heaven your prospects blight,
Still rest assured, whatever is—is Right;
That Being whom created Worlds obey,
In mercy gives, in mercy takes away;
Supremely wise and just his Sovereign will,
And finite man, should tremble and be still.

In Memory of
THOMAS DRURY
of this *Parish Yeoman*
who died January ye 6th 1768
Aged 83 Years.
Also REBEKAH his wife
who died *March* ye 22nd 1765
Aged 78 Years.

Here lieth
ye Body of *SARAH*
Wife of *JOSEPH*
ILDEN of ys Parish
she died ye 5th of
Nour. 1748 in ye
85th Year of her Age.

Here
lieth ye Body of
ROBERT
HAYWARD
Yeoman in *this*
Parish who
departed ye Life
November ye 11th.
1751. Aged 61 Ye^rs.

Left ANN His Wife, by her He had
5 Sons & One Daughter, WILL^M.
ISAAC & SAMUELL Deceas^d now Surviv^g
Him *ROBERT*, *JAMES*, and *ELIZABETH*.

[Register 1751. Nov. 16. Robert Hayward, Churchwarden.]

Sacred to the Memory of
THOMAS BLACKWELL,
late of this parish;
who departed this life Feby 13th. 1830,
aged 56 years:
Leaving a Widow, 4 Sons & 3 Daughters, viz.
THOMAS, WILLIAM, EDWARD, JOHN,
MARY ANN, ELIZABETH, and
SARAH-CHARITY.
Also of MARY,
wife of the above named
who departed this life Decr. 20th. 1855,
aged 68 years.
also of
ELIZABETH,

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daughter of the above;
who died March 25th 1851,
aged 35 years.

JAMES Son of
THOMAS & MARY BLACKWELL
who died March 31st 1829,
Aged 4 Years.

Sacred to the Memory of
JOHN BUSBRIDGE, of Staplehurst:
who departed this Life May the 2nd
1816, Aged 72 Years.
Also JANE Wife of the said
JOHN BUSBRIDGE, who departed
this Life July the 19th 1817,
Aged 52 years.
Left Issue: Two Sons, *and* Two
Daughters, (viz) JOHN, WILLIAM,
MARY, and ANN.

Be serious Friend to watch the great affair,
T'will be too late when thou art Lodged here.

Sacred to the memory of JANE,
the beloved Wife of THOMAS WIGHTWICK,
of Ramsden in this Parish,
Who died 28th September 1870,
Aged 72 Years.

Also to the memory of
the aforesaid THOMAS WIGHTWICK,
who died 31st January 1875,
Aged 81 years.

This stone
is set up in memory of
SOPHIA SUMMERS,
who died at Cranbrook, Feby 6th 1876,
aged 92 years and 11 months.
by W. J. EDGE, vicar of this parish,
in token of the high esteem
in which she was held by
himself and by all his family,
for four generations.

Sacred
to the Memory of
SARAH,
Wife of JAMES HATCHER,
Born December 11th 1833
Died October 17th 1872.

"The Lord gave . and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." Job. 1. 21.

To the Memory of
WILLIAM BUSBRIDGE of this Parish,
who departed this Life March the 25th
1817, Aged 65 Years.
Man that is born of a Woman is of few Days, and full of trouble.

Also of ELIZABETH, his Wife,
who departed this Life, Decr the 2nd
1828, aged 64 Years.
Left Issue Four Sons and Three
Daughters, (viz) JOHN, WILLIAM,
JOSEPH, JAMES, MARY,
SARAH, and JUDITH.

CLEVELAND

In Memory of
HENRY DRAWBRIDGE,
who died Nov. 26th 1818,
aged 26 Years.

In Memory of
JOHN MILLER, late of Cranbrook:
Farmer; who died October the 7th 1817,
Aged 68 Years.
Also of Two Sons, WILLIAM who died
an Infant, and JOHN a Youth.

Whilst servile Flatt'ry spreads the Hero's fame,
And pours her venal praises on the wife;
Jesus ti's on the glories of thy name,
The Christian's faith and hope of Heaven relies.

Also ELIZABETH, Wife of the above
-said who died Novr 21st 1831,
Aged 74 Years.

In Memory of
MARY PANKHURST,
Spinster
who died Aug. 20th 1841.
aged 89 Years.

Here lye
ye Body of
RICHD Son of ALEXR
and MARGT NARWOOD of
this Parish who died ye 13th
of Sepr 1749 in the 49th
Year of his Age.
The above ALEXR & MARGR had
9 Children viz. MARY ANN, MARY
FRANCIS, MARTHA, SARAH ALEXR
& RICHD The sd ALEXR & MARGT
& 5 Children lie near this
Stone the 2d MARY was
Interrd at Fairly in Sussex
Fran. at Thurnham in Kent
& Sarah at Rolvenden
Now Surviving only Alexander

[Register 1749. Sep. 19. Richard Narrwood.]

Ever with the Lord
✠
In fond memory of
MARY JANE BURT,
who fell asleep in Jesus Decr 26th
1870,
aged 30 years.

also WILLIAM,
father of the above,
died May 20th 1843,
aged 86 years.

(Altar Tomb within Iron Railings.)

Sacred to the memory of
the reverend DANIEL BOYS, M.A,
late vicar of this parish, and also of Brookland,
in this county, who died Septr. 11th 1857, aged 80 years.
he left surviving SARAH RIDER, his wife,
who was the youngest daughter of
WILLIAM BARRINGTON RICHARDSON, esqre. of Bermondsey,
Surrey, by whom he had issue 12 children, viz. DANIEL-
SARAH-THOMAS-JAMES-ROBERT EDWARD-EMILY JANE-
GEORGE-FREDERICK-FRANCIS-CHARLES OCTAVIUS-
ALFRED WILLIAM- & SUSANNAH CATHERINE.
SARAH, died July 1st 1839, aged 29 years.
FREDERICK, died March 13th 1844, aged 24 years.
GEORGE, died May 17th 1858, aged 40 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH RIDER,
widow of the
reverend DANIEL BOYS,
born 20th March 1784,
died 4th August 1863.

Sacred
to the memory of
GEORGE GOLDSMITH,

of this Parish Bachelor
who departed this life
June 1st 1842.
aged 69 years.
he was for upwards of forty years a
faithful servant to
Mr. JOHN RICHARDSON.
of Sarnden in this parish
This stone was erected by
JAMES GOLDSMITH
as a tribute of esteem
and affection.

In Memory of
AMELIA S. R. LAZONBY,
who departed this Life
Feby. 22nd 1829,
aged 18 Years.

Beneath
this stone are deposited
the remains of
JOHN SAMUEL LAZONBY esq
who died a bachelor
Nov 3rd 1835:
to whose memory
a tablet
has been kindly erected
in this church
by his friends and
neighbours.

SARA
daughter of
RICH^D & MARY STREETER
born July 31st 1811.
died May 4th 1812.

In Memory of
RICHARD WELLS of this Parish he
died Novr the 30th 1807,
aged 72 Years.
Left Issue One Son RICHARD,

Stop Traveller and cast an Eye,
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now, so you must be,
Therefore prepare to follow me.

Also of MARY his Wife who
died January the 8th 1813 Aged
64 years.

In Memory
of Sarah Wife
of Richd Williams
late of Brighdeham
in Sussex, she died
ye 3^d of Jan^r 1746.
in ye 83^d Year of
Her Age.
left Issue 2 Sons,
& one Daughter
Richd Henry & Eliz^th

In Memory
of MARY Daug^r
of JOHN & MARY
MEEDE she died
ye 1st of Novr 1748,
Aged 12 Years.
Erected by Henry
Williams of y^s Parish
Her Grandfather.

[Register 1748. Nov. 7. Mary dau of John Mead of Tenterden.]

To
the memory of
RICHARD WELLS STREETER,
who died Feb. 3rd 1836;
aged 27 years.

I was cut down all in my prime
It was God's will that I should be!
In heaven I hope with him to dwell,
My blessed Saviour for to see.
Grieve not for me my wife and friends,
Nor after me repine,
Death is the debt we all must pay,
And no man knows the time.

In
Memory of ELIZ^TH
Wife of JOHN WELLS,
of this parish,
who died Octr 21st 1798.
Aged 71 Years.

Also near this Stone lies
Elizth their Daughter
who died in her Infancy.

Also of
the aforesaid
John Wells, who
died April 29th 1810,
Aged 79 Years.

Here
lieth Interred
the Body of Martha
Hayward Wife of Rob
Hayward of Rolvenden
and Only Child of Willm
Gibson of Benenden
she departed this life
March ye first 1747
Aged 22 Years.
In Memory of William
Gibson of this Parish Yeo
who died Novr the 21st 1757
Aged 62 Years.
Also to the Memory of
Martha, Wife of the said
William Gibson, who
departed this life Nov: 28th
1763, Aged 72 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
ELIZ^TH. Wife of
JAMES SHOEBRIDGE
of this Parish who died
Novr. 10th. 1823,
Aged 28 Years.
Also POLLY COLEMAN,
Mother of the above ELIZ^TH.
SHOEBRIDGE, who died
Sepr. 29th. 1834, Aged 62 Years.
Left Issue 2 Daughters
(viz) MARY & ELIZ^TH.
Also ELIZ^TH. their Daughter
who died Jany. 28th. 1824,
Aged 5 Months,
Likewise 2 Children
who died in their Infancy.

In Memory of
JOHN RICHARDSON
of Sarnden Farm,
in this parish,
who died Novr. 5th. 1846.
in the 82nd. year of his age.
also PHILADELPHIA, wife
of the above, who died Novr. 6th.
1843, in the 70th. year of her age
leaving 6 sons and 5 daughters,
(viz) PHILADELPHIA, MARY,

JOHN, SARAH, HANNAH,
THOMAS, MERCY, JAMES,
WILLIAM, GEORGE & FRANCIS.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Sacred
to the memory of
ELIZABETH MILLS,
died November 16th 1846,
aged 23 years.
eldest daughter of JOHN
& PHILADELPHIA MILLS
of this parish.
also JOSEPH, their
youngest son died Decr 21st
1855, aged 18 years.

In the midst of life we are in death watch therefore.

Sacred
to the memory of
WILLIAM SOUTHON, of this Parish
who died the 12th of January 1827,
Aged 91 *Years.*
Also of
SARAH his Wife who died
the 8th of July 1819, Aged 83 Years.

In
Memory of MARTHA
Daughter of SAMUEL
and MARTHA BARHAM

late of this Parish
who died April the 6 1805
aged 18 Years.

The time was short together we did stay,
For God did call and she did him obey
In Love we liv'd in peace she died
We pray'd for Life but God denied.

In
Memory of MARTHA
Wife of SAMUEL BARHAM
of this *Parish* who died
Feb.y the 18th 1801,
Aged 46 Years.
Left Issue one Daughter,
also of the above said
SAMUEL BARHAM who died
June 21st 1807. aged 48 years
Leaving his Second Wife with
two Daughters Eliz.th & Jane.

Here
lie the remains of
SARAH,
Wife of Mr. JENKIN HAGUE,
of Biddenden who died Jan.y 21st 1831,
Aged 74 Years.
Daughter of Mr. JOSEPH HINDS,
of this Parish she left 2 Sons
WILLIAM and ISAAC.

Sacred
to the Memory of
MARY, Wife of ISAAC HAGUE,
of this Parish, and Daughter of THO^S.
and ELIZABETH DURRANT,
of Hawkhurst, who died the 27th. of
October 1829, Aged 29 Years.
Also SARAH-ELIZ^TH. the only Child
of ISAAC, and MARY HAGUE,
who died the 20th. of June 1828,
Aged 18 Months.

May Angels guard their sleeping dust,
Till God shall please to raise the just;
Then may they wake with sweet surprise,
And in their Saviours Image rise.

This Stone
is Erected in Memory of
ANN BONNICK, Wife of
WILL^M. BONNICK, of
Cranbrook: who departed
this Life May 24th. 1799,
Aged 29 Years.

In Memory of
two Daughters,
of JOSEPH and SARAH HINDS,
MOLLY departed this Life Sepr. the 18th.
1786,
Aged 24 Years.

HETTY departed this Life May the 24th
1777,
Aged 14 Years.

Alas dear Children, short is the race you have run,
Call'd to the grave, ere scarce thy course begun,
Their deaths lamented by Friends tho' happy lot,
Laid in the Tombs, where cares are all forgot,
Departed this life now safe on that calm shore,
Where sin and pain and sorrows are no more.
'Tis not for these the tears of grief should flow,
But for their Friends loss and wretched woe,
The loss of Children occasions a grief severe,
And must from parents eyes cause many a tear,
But time and wisdom with the aid of heaven,
Will teach we are to our parents lent, not given.

Sacred to the Memory of
JOSEPH HINDS of this Parish, who departed this
Life Octr the 28th 1801, Aged 75 Years.
Also SARAH his Wife departed this Life
Decr the 18th 1801, Aged 74 Years.
Left Surviving One Daughter, SARAH.

Their ever Affectionate and afflicted Daughter,
caused this little Stone to be Erected as a testimony of
her Heartfelt gratitude to the Memory of the best of
Parents, Their rational and endearing conversation
was not only the perpetual delight of her heart; But
their pious and exemplary conduct was Likewise
the pleasing rule, and constant direction of her Life.

While o'er the Grave of Parents truly dear,
A Lamenting Child drops the filial tear;
A stone, a verse, Oh honour'd pair receive,
As the last tribute gratitude can give
To such dear Saints I'll bid a kind adieu,
And hope to share a blissful Heaven with you.

Beneath
this stone are
deposited the remains of
JOSEPH,
Son of Mr. JENKIN HAGUE of
Biddenden, Kent.
and
SARAH his Wife,
He died at the early age of 20,
Novr. 24th. 1813
having conducted himself
in all instances,
as a dutiful son to his parents,
and an example of
good morals
to those of his own age,
his afflicted mother
erects this stone
to commemorate his worth,
and her own great and premature
loss
of an affectionate child.

In memory of
THOMAS PELLETT
who was 44 Years
Clark of this Parish
and in the said Time
he Buried 1022,
he died March 24th.
1810, Aged 73 Years.

In memory of
William Pellatt
of this Parish
who Died May y^e
15, 1766 Aged 65
Years.

In Memory of
MARY Wife of HENRY WILLIAMS,
of this *Parish;* She died June
the 29th 1770, Aged 89 Years.
Left Issue one Daughter ELIZABETH,
Also in Memory of the above
said HENRY WILLIAMS of
this Parish, Yeoman he died
August the 10th 1778, Aged 75 Years.

In Memory of
HENRY WILLIAMS, of this
Parish, *Yeoman;* who died
Novr 2d 1798, Aged 63 Years.
Left Surviving REBECCA, his
Wife, who Erected this Stone,
Also REBECCA his Wife who died
May 27 1800, Aged 70 Years.

None but my Wife doth know of this,
Because our Children are all dismist.

In memory of
ELIZABETH
wife of JAMES JONES,
who died April 26th 1884,

aged 78 years.
God is Love.

In memory of
ELIZABETH wife of
ROBERT JONES,
who died April 4th 1836:
aged 69 years.
also of
ROBERT JONES,
who died May 26th 1838,
aged 72 years.
leaving 2 sons, & 3 daughters,
viz. ANN, ELIZABETH, JANE,
ISAAC and JAMES.
also
of 2 sons, & 2 daughters, who
died in their infancy.
Here let them rest in undisturbed dust,
until the resurrection of the just.

CATHERINE
WYNNE
Born
the twenty seventh
Day of August
1741
Died the seventh
Day
of February
1788.

[Buried in linen; 2£ 10s. paid.]

In Memory of
two Sons of THOMAS and
PHILADELPHIA CARLY,
of this **Parish**, HARRY died
August 5th 1772, Aged 20 Years.
JOHN died Octr. 4. 1772,
Aged 22 Years.

In Memory of
MAGDALEN,
Wife of Thos.
BUCKLAND, of
this Parish, who
departed this
life April 21. 1771,
Aged 51 Years.

Also in Memory
of the said Thos.
BUCKLAND, of
this Parish:
Yeoman, who
departed this
life April 13. 1786,
Aged 60 Years.

Left Surviving five Brothers
and two Sisters.

In Memory of
JOSEPH BUCKLAND, of this Parish,
who departed this life August the 26:
1804 Aged 64 Years.
Also MARY his Wife
who departed this Life Novr. the 12th
1804, **Aged** 61 **Years.**
Left Issue 2 Sons and
2 Daughters (viz) JAMES, THOMAS,
MARY and SARAH.

Here Lies

Interrd the Body of JAMES BUCKLAND
late of this Parish Yeoman who departed
this life September the 1st 1772 in the
82 Year of his Age. He left Surviving
his Affectionate Wife with Six Sons &
two Daughters.
Also in Memory of MARY Wife of the
said JAMES BUCKLAND who departed this
life Decr ye 20th 1782. Aged 82 Years.

In Memory of

Mr JOHN BUCKLAND,
late of
Hollington, in Sussex:
who departed this Life
on the 11th day of June
1821,
Aged 48 Years.

To the Memory of

SARAH Wife of JOHN BUCKLAND,
of Hollington in Sussex Yeoman
who departed this Life Sepr the 28th
1805, Aged 73 Years.
Likewise near this place lieth
JAMES their Son who died
in his Infancy.
Also the above JOHN BUCKLAND,
died May the 5th 1813, Aged 83 Years.

Here lies Benighted in this Silent Grave,
A tender Mother and a Parent brave,
A quiet Neighbour and a faithful Friend,
So as she lived we hope so is her end.

Sacred
to the Memory of
ANNA-MARIA,
wife of THOMAS HOWARD,
formerly of Petersfield Hants,
who died December 5th 1849,
aged 64 years.
Leaving a Husband 2 Sons and 1 daughter
to lament the loss of an affectionate Wife
and kind Mother.
Also the above
THOMAS HOWARD,
who died November 13th 1871;
in the 91st year of his age.

In Memory of
MARTHA, Wife of
CHARLES HEATH, of this Parish,
who died Jany 3. 1782,
Aged 59 Years.
Left Issue HENRY and MARTHA.
Also in Memory of
CHARLES HEATH, of this *Parish*,
who died Jany 4. 1796, Aged 79 Years.

In Memory of
SAMUEL MUNN, Son of
JAMES and DEBORAH MUNN,
of this *Parish:* who died Decr.
29. 1780. Aged 51 Years.
Also ELIZABETH MUNN,
Daughter of the said JAMES
and DEBORAH MUNN, who
died Septr. 8 1780, Aged 48 Years.

In Memory of
JAMES, the son of JAMES MUNN
and DEBORAH, of this Parish
Butcher who died ye 8th. of June 1766
Aged 48 Years.
Also in Memory of WILLM. CHUBB
late of Lewisham Butcher who
died August 20. 1786, Aged 61 Years.

Here lyeth ye Body of
JAMES MUNN of this Parish
Butcher, he died June ye 8th.
1733 in ye 60th. Year of his Age
Also ye Bodies of one Son &
2 Daughs. Tho: Sarah, & Cordelia
left Surviving by DEBORAH his Wife
2 Sons & Six Daughters.
James . Samuel . Deborah . Mary .
Ann . Martha . Cordelia . & Elizabeth.

Also Here lyeth ye Body of
Deborah Wife of JAMES MUNN
she died the 20th of March
1748 Aged 63 Years.

Sacred to the Memory
of JOSEPH HALL of this Parish,
Yeoman, who departed this Life
November the 3^d 1813,
Aged 82 Years and Eleven Months.
Also
of ANN, his Wife
who departed this Life Nov. the 21st
1836: Aged 88 Years.

In Memory of
THO^S TRESS of this Parish;
who died Jany 11. 1767,
Aged 57 Years.
also MARY, his Wife, died
June 18. 1762. Aged 50 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
SAMUEL MUNN HEATH,
yeoman of this parish,
who departed this life April 1st 1862,
aged 78 years.
left surviving a widow & 2 daughters.

In Memory of
ANN, Wife of THOS. HUNT of
Pullington, in this Parish:
who died March 28th. 1777,
Aged 25 Years.
Left Issue, John, Mary, Ann, and
Susanna.

Here lieth
the Body of
ANN, Daughr. of
JOHN FIELD
of this Parish by
JANE his Wife who
lies Interr'd at
Ticehurst in
Sussex, ye Sd Ann
died ye 9th. of April
1747 in ye 15th. Year
of her Age.

(Four medallion heads engraved on stone.)

To the Memory of
Four Daughters of EDWARD, and
MARY FIELD, of this Parish

						Y.	M.	D.
JANE	Died	Oct	12th.	1760	Aged	2	9	22
MARY			15th.			4	4	20
ELIZABETH			17th.			9	1	30
MARTHA			18th.			1	9	24

Four sisters dear, lie Buried here,
That all Died in one Week;
It pleas'd God so that they should go
Their Saviour for to Meet.
Dear Parents all, grieve not a Tall
If your Babes should Summons be
To dwell with God in Heaven on High
To all eternity.

Erected by JOHN FIELD their Grandfather.

In
Memory of MARGARET.
Daughter of EDWARD and
MARY FIELD, of this
Parish, who died July
28. 1769 in the 16th Year
of her Age.

[Register. Aug. 1. Mary D. of Edward Feild.]

In Memory of JOHN son
of EDWD and MARY
FIELD, of this Parish, he
died March 21. 1778,
Aged 18 Years.

In memory of
SARAH TOMKIN, late
of Hawkhurst who died
JanY 15. 1779,
Aged 47 Years.

This Stone is Erected by
her Brother EDW.D FIELD,
of this Parish.

(Very large upright stone, in head of which are engraved two figures, also an angel blowing a trumpet.)

In Memory of

MARY, Wife of SAMUEL SANTER, of this
Parish; Daughter of EDW.D and JUDITH
HAINS, she died Dec.r 19th 1794,
Aged 18 Years.
Left Issue one Son EDWARD.

Here lies Intomb'd beneath Earths cold bed,
She that for whom ten Thousand tears was shed;
Her parents dear could not refrain,
Weeping though Weeping it was in vain:
Now her dear soul hath taken flight,
Borne up by Angels to the Realms of light;
Her Infant dear she left behind,
And A Youthful Husband that was kind;
Her Years were few, her Grief the less;
Blame not her haste to happiness.

also of JUDITH HAINS, aforesaid who
died Dec.r 17th 1813, Aged 66 Years.

To the memory of
SAMUEL SANTER,
of this Parish,
who died April 19th 1838,
aged 65 years.
he left issue by MARY, his wife
who survives him
1 son and 5 daughters viz.
MARIA, ELIZA, HARRIET, JANE, SAM,
and MARY.

also to the memory of
MARY, daughter of
SAMUEL & MARY SANTER,
who died Nov. 18th 1841,
aged 24 years.
Also JANE, daughter of the above,
who died April 5. 1873,
aged 62 years.

(On side of Altar Tomb.)

Here lyeth ye Body of MARY SHARP Daughtr
of Richd SHARP Gent and MARTHA his Wife of
Benenden married first to Stepn SHARPEIGH
of ye same parish and late Wife of SANDER
HAFFENDEN of Biddenden, Gent Who Dyed
on ye 23 of Nou. 1704 in ye 47 year of her Age.

Here lyeth ye Body of Stepn
SHARPEIGH Gent who
Dyed on ye 28 of May 1697
in ye 84 year of his Age.

[Register 1704. Dec. 4. Mary Wife of Sander Haffenden of Biddenden.

1697. June ye 4th Stephen Sharpeigh gent. Anno aetatis 84o]

Sacred
to the Memory of
SARAH, Wife of JAMES BUCKLAND,
of Little Ninevah in this Parish,
who departed this Life Jany 20th
1830, Aged 65 Years.

Also the above-named
JAMES BUCKLAND, who died
Jany 13th 1841, Aged 76 Years.
Likewise THO^s their Son,
who departed this Life March 6th 1789
Aged 11 Months.

In
Memory of ELIZ^th Widow
of SAMUEL HUNT, Gent:
she died June ye 12th 1769,
Aged 82 Years.
Left Issue two Sons, & four Daugh^s

In Memory of
THO^s CARLY of this Parish; he
died August the 17, 1768,
Aged 47 Years.
Left Issue two Sons and one Daughter,
John, Harry, and Philadelphia.
Also in Memory of PHILADELPHIA,
Wife of the said THO^s CARLY
who died Novr 21, 1773,
Aged 52 Years.
Also PHILADELPHIA TAYLOR Daughter
of the above Thos & Phil^a Carly who
died Sepr 17. 1781, Aged 26 Years.
Left Issue Will, Phil^a & Sarah.

In Memory of

RICHARD MILLS, late of this Parish,
who departed this Life Octr. the 29th.
1811, Aged 79 Years.
Also MARY his Wife who departed
this Life September the 29th. 1815
Aged 75 Years.
Left Surviving One Son RICHARD.

Time, Life, and Death with Judgment yet to come,
Demand our Notice, as they fix its doom,
Would'st thou prepare then, must thy latter end,
Make Heaven thy Object and its God thy Friend.

Sacred

to the memory of
RICHARD MILLS, gent,
of Mountlehoe Farm, in this Parish;
who departed this life
September 5th. 1841,
aged 70 years.
leaving surviving
SUSANNAH,
his wife, and issue two children
VIZ. MONTAGUE and SUSANNAH.
also SUSANNAH, of the
above, who died Decr. 26th. 1863.
aged 57 years.
also to the memory of
RICHARD.
son of the above named

RICHARD & SUSANNAH
MILLS;
who died July 27th 1832. in the
third year of his age.

(Inserted in East Wall of South Aisle.)

Near this Place lieth the body
of EDMD GIBBON who died
Jany 1727 Aged 53 and Sarah
his Wife who died June 1751
Aged 75 they had Three Sons
and two Daughs the Surviving are
Sarah who Married Samuel
PLUMER of Sedlescomb in Sussex
Gent. who also lies in a vault near
and Francis who Married the
Daughr of Samuel Stileman
of Otford in Kent Gent,
Here lieth the Body of Francis
Gibbon of Cranbrook who
Departed this Life February

the 20th 1756 Aged 53 Years.
his said wife is also buried here
she died 29th Septr 1785,
aged 77 years.
their only son WALTER, was buried
in Clerkenwell churchyard.
the same vault contains SARAH
wife of the said Samt PLUMMER
their daughter MARTHA, wife of
WILLIAM WARD, of this parish
and their daughters, MARTHA,
ELIZABETH, and SARAH, the last
married WILLIAM CLEVELAND
of London, who died Septr 1820, and
lies in the same vault with SARAH
his wife, who died July 19th 1842,
aged 79 years.
in the said vault lies also
SARAH CLEVELAND, the youngest
daughter of the said WILLIAM
and SARAH CLEVELAND, who died
April 3rd 1869, aged 77 years.

[Register, 1727. Jany 15 Mr Edmund Gibbon Sen: House : Holder.]

[At top of Stone a Shield, Lion Rampant bet. 3 escallops. Arms being :—Sa. a lion ramp. guardant or, between three escallops ar.

Crest a demi lion ramp. guard. ar. ducally crowned or. holding between paws an escallop of the last.]

Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS JOHNSON,
of this parish;
who died Decr. 7th 1836,
aged 67 years.
also of MARTHA, his wife
who died Octr. 24th 1854,
aged 73 years.
left issue one daughter,
SARAH.

Here lyeth
the Body of CHRISR.
DIVE of this Parish Yēo
who died Augst. ye 27th
1729 Aged 52 Years.
Left Issue Tho: Eliz: Mary & Ann
Also the Body of MARY Wife
of the sd CHRISR. DIVE died
May 19th 1754 Aged 63.

Sacred
to the memory of
JOHN second son of the late
JAMES and SARAH JUDGE
of this parish, who died
September 14th 1847,
aged 44 years.
leaving a widow and one daughter

Also
of MATILDA his Wife
who died April 23rd 1852
Aged 42 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
JAMES JUDGE, Yeoman, late of
Goddards Green in this Parish;
who died June 4th 1823, aged 58 Years,
leaving a Widow, three Sons, and
two Daughters, to Lament their loss:
For Nature will feel, even when Faith triumphs.
Also of SARAH Wife of the above
named JAMES JUDGE who died
January 22nd 1848 aged 76 Years.

Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS
Son of JAMES and
SARAH JUDGE,
of Godderd's Green,
in this Parish: who
was Born May the 12th
1805. died Octr.
the 5th 1807.

Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH-TOOTH
eldest daughter of JAMES and

SARAH JUDGE late of this parish
who departed this life
January 17th 1847.
aged 40 Years.

Erected
to the Memory of
ANN second Wife.
of JAMES BUCKLAND,
of this Parish,
who died April 18th 1838,
Aged 60 Years.
Also near this Stone lies two of
her Children, by her first
Husband WILLM BLACKWELL.

(On side of old Altar Tomb.)

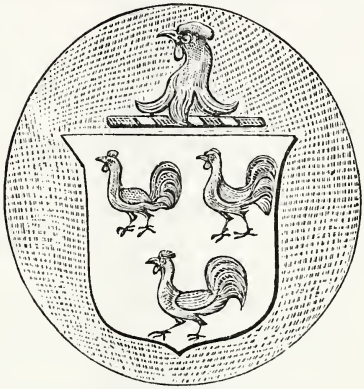
Here lieth the body of WILLIAM
SPENSER of Benenenden late
desesed wich depted this life
the 20 day of October in
the yeare 1652 & in the 27th
yeare of his Age.

SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH.

In Memory
of RICHARD GRANT, Gent: Son
of RICHARD and MARY GRANT
who lies Interred in the Tomb Adjoining
to this stone; he died May 17th 1725,
Aged 64 Years.

Also MARY his Wife who died
Novr. 28. 1742, Aged 79 Years.

[In head of Stone are 3 Cocks upon a shield.]



In Memory of MARY, Wife
of RICH^{D}. GRANT Senr. of this
Parish; Gen^{t}. who died August
28. 1773. Aged 65 Years.
Left Issue RICH^{D}. MARY and SALLY
Also in Memory of RICH^{D}.
GRANT, Gen^{t}. who died Feb^{y}.
11. 1788, Aged 87 Years.

[Same shield in head.]

In Memory
RICH^{D}. GRANT Junr. late of

this Parish Gent. he died Oct.
11. 1778
Aged 35 Years.
This Stone Erected by Eliz^th. his
Wife.

[Same shield repeated.]

Sacred to the memory of
Samuel Hinkley
of this parish,
who died February 15th. 1848,
aged 58 years.
leaving a widow, five sons
and three daughters.
also Fanny.
wife of the above Samuel Hinkley,
who died March 24th. 1867,
aged 66 years.

Sacred to the memory of
Sarah,
the beloved wife of
George Hinkley,
of this parish,
who died May 8th. 1876,
aged 48 years.
leaving a husband 3 sons & 1 daughter,
to lament the loss of an affectionate
wife and kind mother.

Sacred
to the memory of
JANE AYEARST,
who departed this Life
March 2nd 1829,
aged 54 Years.
also of
MARTHA AYEARST,
Sister of the above
who departed this Life
May 1st 1856,
aged 78 Years.

In Memory of
ELIZth Wife of THOMAS WINTON
of this Parish, who died June 1st 1801
Aged 51 Years.
Left Issue Two Sons and One Daughter
(viz) Thos JOHN, and CHARLOTTE

Afflictions sore long Time I bore,
Physicians were in vain,
Till God did please Death should me seize,
And ease me of my pain.
Weep not for me my Children dear,
Nor after me repine.
Death is a debt we all must pay,
But no one knows the sting.

Here lyeth
ye Body of
THOMAS BASDEN
of this Parish who

dyed March ye 10th
1694, Aged 50 Years.
Also REBECKAH
his wife who dyed
Sep^t ye 2^d 1723
Aged 75 Years.

Sacred
To the memory of
STEPHEN CROFT,
of this Parish
Who died April 1st 1835,
Aged 54 Years.

Leaving surviving Judith his Wife & Issue two Sons and two Daughters viz Charles, Alfred, Susan, & Martha.

My kindred and best friends, adieu!
Death calls! I leave the world and you,
let youth their footsteps guide with care,
since death their youth nor age will spare:
be then sincere, be true and just,
and in your dear redeemer trust.

Also of JUDITH, his wife
who died August 24th 1838,
Aged 65 Years.

Sacred
To the Memory of
STEPHEN CROFT
of this Parish,
who died May 14th 1834:
Aged 50 Years.

Leaving surviving Wenney his Wife &
Issue one Daughter viz Susan,

Affliction sore long time I bore,
physicians were in vain,
till death did seize, and God did please,
to ease me of my pain.

In Memory of
MARY Wife of WILL.M AYEARST
who departed this life May
the 7.th 1787, Aged 57 Years.

Affliction sore long time I bore,
Physicians were in vain
Till God did please, death should me seize,
And ease me of my pain.

Also in Memory of the above
WILL.M AYEARST of Sandhurst
who died Feb.y 15.th 1700,
Aged 71 Years.

[Register. May 10. Mary wife of William Ayerst.]

In Memory of
PETER IGGELSDEN who died July
the 6.th 1758, Aged 69 Years.
Also SUSANNAH his Wife died May
the 6.th 1763, Aged 63 Years.
Left Issue one Son & two Daught.s JOHN,
HANNAH and MARY

[Lines as in last stone.]

Sacred
to the memory of
four children, sons and
daughters of JOSEPH and
ELEANOR COVENEY, of this
parish (viz) THOMAS, who died
Feby. 11th. 1828, aged 6 years,
and 8 months.
ELIZABETH-ANN, died
Feby. 15th. 1828, aged 4 years,
and 5 months.
JOSEPH, died
Feby. 18th. 1828, aged 8 years,
and 10 months.
ANNE MARIA, died
March 5th. 1828, aged 9 months.

They were lovely and pleasant
in their lives, and in their death
they were not divided.

Sacred
to the Memory of
ELEANOR,
wife of JOSEPH COVENEY,
of this parish;
who departed this life April, 2nd. 1866,
aged 69 years.
left surviving 1 son & 2 daughters.

Sacred to the Memory of
CHARLES Son of
THOS. and SARAH COVENEY
of this Parish, who died
June 2nd. 1830, Aged 2 Years.
Also ELIZTH. their Daughter
who died May 28th. 1830,
Aged 1 Year.

Sacred to the Memory of
THOMAS COVENEY,
of Standing House, in this
Parish, who died March 8th. 1829,
aged 77 Years.
Also ELIZABETH Wife of
the above who died, May 4th.
1835, aged 82 Years.
Left Issue one Son THOMAS.

In Memory of
ELIZABETH
Daughter of THOMAS and
ELIZABETH COVENEY
of this Parish: who departed
this Life July the 4th. 1806,
Aged 12 Years and 10 Months.

I was cut down all in my bloom
It was Gods' will to be,
In Heaven with him I hope to dwell
And my blessed Saviour see,

Grieve not my tender Parents dear
May Christ your comfort be,
And we together pray God to meet,
To all Eternity.

In Memory of
Thos. Coveney, of this Parish,
Yeo: who died April 4. 1770,
Aged 51 Years.
Also Hannah his Wife died
Jany. 8. 1780, Aged 54 Years.
Left Issue, Thos. and Joseph.

[The Good Samaritan is carved in head of stone like that at Smarden. See Memorials of Smarden, by same Author, p. 144.]

(Very thick Stone.)

Here
lyeth ye Body
of Ann Daughter
of Thomas & Hannah
Coveney of this
Parish who died
March ye 16th 1749
Aged 7 Months.

Here
lieth ye Body of
John Son of Jhn.
& Elizth Iggelsden
He died Septemr.
ye 9th 1731 Aged
3 weeks & 3 Days.

In Memory of JOHN IGGELSDEN
of Cranbrook, Gent, who died Decem.
the 12th 1760, Aged 64 Years.
Also ELIZABETH his Wife who died
December the 24th 1761 Aged 68 Years.

Here
lieth ye Body
of ANN IGGELSDEN
Sister two John IGGELSD
who died Octob ye 20th
1725 : Aged 24 Years
and 10 Months.

Here lyeth ye Body of
RICHARD HODGKIN
of this Parish Yeo :
who died ye 29th of Marh
1740 Aged 82 Years.
Also here lyeth the Body
of Hannah his Wife
She died July the 15th
1737 Aged 73 Years.
Left Issue one Daughter
HANNAH.

(On side of Altar Tomb.)

Here lyeth interred WILLIAM MOYSE Gent,
he Marryed FRANCES Daughter of RICHARD
TILDEN of Milsted in ye county of Kent Gent,

who departed this life ye 11 day of September,
1697 in ye 28 year of his age.
and left his Wife & by Her one Davghter MARY
Who was Aged 12 months & Seven days.

In Memory of
JOHN RICH SHARP
Son of JOHN & JUDITH SHARP
who died May 18th 1760,
Aged 18 Years.

Thy toil is O'er thy labours now shall cease
Thy Spirit rest in everlasting peace,
May every youth like thee his Maker fear,
And joy inspire ev'ry falling tear,
In spite of reason sorrow damps that joy,
A Mothers' fondness for her Much lovd boy.

In
memory of
FRANCES LACE,
died 25th October 1839,
aged 29 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
MARGARET DAVIES,
died January 15th 1853,
aged 91 years.
Also BENJAMIN THOMAS,
died October 13th 1832,
aged 58 years.

Also Eleanor Thomas,
wife of the above
died May 26th 1851,
aged 78 years.
Also Elizabeth Nicks,
died May 9th 1838,
aged 72 years.

To the Memory of
Mr Philip Jean, Artist
(a Native of the Island of Jersey)
Who died at Hemstead Sep : 12 : 1802
aged 47 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
Sarah Wife of
William Chainey,
of this Parish,
who departed this Life May 24th
1828,
Aged 71 Years.
This stone was erected in
affectionate remembrance
of her long and faithful
services by the family of
Thos Law Hodges esqr. M.P.
of Hempsted.

Sacred
to the Memory of
JOHN DEAN
who died at Hemsted in this Parish
April 12th A.D. 1809,
Aged 57 Years.
He lived in the Service of
THOS. HALLETT HODGES Esqr. and of his Son
nearly thirty four years, and by his
Integrity and Fidelity justified the
Confidence reposed in him.
This Stone was erected by
THOS. LAW HODGES Esqr. to record his
esteem for an old and faithful Servant.

Here :
lyeth :
: the : body : of :
: THOMAS : SHARP :
: yeoman : sonne of
: EDMVND : SHARP :
: borne : 1629 : bvried :
: Iune : the : 25th : 1684 :
: who : left : Issve :
: two : sonnes : John :
: and : Thomas :

[Register, 1684. June ye 25. Thomas Sharpe of Lelisden Householder.]

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOMAS SHARP,

Bachelor,
who departed this Life
2nd June 1829,
Aged 73 Years.

In Memory of
MARY Wife of WILLIAM CROFT,
of this Parish; who died July 24th
1785, Aged 38 Years.
Left Issue; 4 Sons, and 6 Daughters,
also of
the above said WILLIAM CROFT,
who died August 21st 1824,
aged 85 Years.

To the Memory of
MARTHA BURDEN
of Stone in the Isle of Oxney, Daughter
of WILLIAM CROFT of this Parish,
who died July the 26th 1812 in the
30th year of her age: leaving three
young children and husband to lament
their loss of a good Wife, and a good
Mother.
Surviving Children
MARTHA HARRIOT and ROBERT.

Sacred
to the memory of
MATILDA, Daughter of
SAMUEL & FANNY GOBLE,

Who died 17th Novr. 1810,
Aged 4 Years and 7 Months.

Also

a Daughter Who died in her
infancy.

Sacred

to the memory of
GEORGE COLEBROOK,
who departed this life May 16th 1853,
aged 60 years.
He left surviving a Widow,
and four Children, viz,
GEORGE, MARY, SARAH, and HARRIET.

also

ROBERT, their Son who died at
Utica, Oneida, State of New-York, America.
July 26th 1849. aged 32 years.

In loving memory of
ELLEN WIMHURST,
born April 30th 1869,
died Octr. 20th 1884.
. She . is . not . dead .
. but . sleepeth .

Erected

to the memory of
ROBERT COLEBROOK,
of this parish,
who departed this life April, 18th
1841, aged 54 years.

also of SARAH,
wife of the above named
who departed this life February 9th
1856, aged 69 years.

Sacred to the Memory of
WILLIAM SANTER,
of this Parish: Yeo: who died
April the 17th 1807 Aged 88 Years.
Left Issue Five Sons & Two Daughters
(viz) WILLIAM, SAMUEL, CHARLES
JAMES, STEPHEN, ANN, and SOPHIA
Also Six Children deceased.
also of
CATHARINE his Wife, who
died the 22. November 1817,
Aged 69 Years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
JAMES SANTER, only Son of
CHARLES and SARAH SANTER,
late of this Parish.
who died Decr 21st 1823, Aged 21 Years.

Go fair example of untainted Youth,
Of modest wisdom and pacific truth,
Composed in suffrings, and in joy sedate,
Good without noise, without pretention great,
Of softest manners, unaffected mind,
Lover of peace and friend of human kind;
Go live, for heav'ns eternal year is thine,
Go and exalt thy moral to divine,

Yet take these tears, mortality's relief,
And till we share your joys forgive our grief,
These little rites, a stone, a verse receive
T'is all a father, all a friend can give.

(Thick Stone, worn.)

Here
lieth
the body
of . . . AN
EVERDEN yeaman
. . . of Robert
EVERDEN late of
Benenden who died
Avgvst . . . 1679
being . . . . yrs.

[Register, 1679. August 21st Susan Everden widdow poore.]

(On Top of an Altar Tomb.)

Near this Stone
lieth Buried THOMAS . . . .
of this Parish, Malster
Died August ye 20th 1710
Aged 77 Years.
Also Deborah his Wife
Died May ye 9 1720 (Broken Stone)
Aged 75
The said Thomas and Deborah . . . .

[Register, 1720. May 12. Deborah Hunt. Widow.]

In Memory of
SAMUEL CHASMER, of this
Parish; who died March 14. 1778,
Aged 67 Years.
Left Issue four Sons and five Daughters.

Adieu vain World, I have seen enough of thee,
And now I am careless what thou says't of me;
Thy Smiles I court not, thy frowns I not fear,
My cares are past, my head lies quiet here;
What faults you saw in me, take care to shun,
Look but at home, enough you'l find undone,
Grieve not my Wife and Children nor my Friends;
But prepare yourselves, before your days do end;
The time is short, that you must follow me,
May God and Christ your joy and comfort be.

Also MARY his Wife died Dec.r
. . . 1794, Aged 83 Years.

[Register, 1794. Dec. 31. Chasmer widow.]

In memory of
JAMES ATWOOD, who was
Master of the free school in this
Parish 34 years, and of LYDIA
his wife. He died Jan.ry the 27th
1761 Aged 62 Years. She died
Nov.r the 26th 1756 Aged 63 Years.
They left behind them six Children
namely Will.m Tho.s John. Lydia, Mary
and Jane: of whom Tho.s is since
deceased and lies interr.d close by this
stone. He died Sep.r the 29th 1761
Aged 38 Years.

In Memory of
HARRIET AMELIA,
Daughter of
JOHN & HARRIETT BUCKLAND,
born April 6th 1838,
died Feby 10th 1853.

In Memory of
JOHN BUCKLAND
of this parish,
born September, 16th 1797,
died October 18th 1860.
left surviving a widow 1 daughter, and
2 sons (viz) SARAH, WILLIAM, and
JOHN-AVERY.

We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men.

also of HARRIETT,
wife of the above named
JOHN BUCKLAND,
who died Novr 16th 1876,
aged 76 years.

I H S
Sacred to the memory of
GEORGE WENHAM,
who died March 16th 1881,
aged 45 years.

"In the midst of life we are in death."

In memory of
SARAH,
the wife of ROBERT LEVETT,
and afterwards the wife of
JOHN AVERY,
who died March 20th 1882,
aged 49 years.

"She hath done what she could."

Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH PAINE,
Widow of THOMAS PAINE,
and eldest daughter of
THOMAS & ANN ROUST,
who died May 27th 1855
aged 82 years.

Perfect love casteth out fear.

also of ELIZA,
eldest daughter of the above named
SARAH PAINE,
and wife of THOMAS CATT of London
who died December 7th 1856,
in the 50 year of her age.
and who lies buried here.

Through much tribulation we enter the Kingdom.

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOMAS ROUST,
of this Parish,

who died Sept.r 3rd 1824,
Aged 58 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
THOMAS ROUST of this Place,
who died 31st May 1814, aged 73.
And of ANN his Wife, who died
14th February 1800, aged 60.
Left surviving Thomas, John, Richard,
Sarah, David, Ann, James & Elizabeth.
Near
this place lieth
Wm ROUST MOLTON, son of
JAMES and ANN MOLTON, who died
April 15th 1817, aged 16 months.

Sacred
to the Memory of
RICHARD ROUST
of this Parish,
who died Jany 31st 1831,
Aged 59 Years.

In Memory of
JOHN, Son of Thos and
SARAH ROUST, of this Parish;
who died Sept.r 23d 1783,
Aged 47 Years.

Near this Place lyeth the Body
of WILLIAM, son of THO^{s}. and
ANN ROUST, he died Feby. 2^{d}. 1791,
Aged 15 Years.

All you that come my Grave to see,
Prepare yourselves to follow me,
Prepare for Death, make no delay;
I in decline was snatcht away.

In Memory of
THOMAS ROUST, of this Parish,
who died Jany. 31. 1780,
Aged 77 Years.
Left Issue, John, Thomas and Sarah.
Also in Memory of SARAH, Wife
of the above said THO^{s}. ROUST,
who died June 19. 1785 Aged 79 Years.

Here
lyeth the
Body of
MARY Wife of
VALLENTINE
MARLOW & Daugh^{t}.
of GEO^{r}. SPRINGETT
of Hawkherst
she died ye 18th. of
June 1741
Aged 32 Years.
Left Issue 5 Sons
and one Daughter.

In Memory of
THOMAS AUSTEN, of this
Parish; he died April 1. 1777,
Aged 77 Years.
Also MARY his Wife, died
Jany 30. 1777, Aged 67 Years.
Left Issue Six Sons and Seven
Daughters.

In Memory of
LAWRENCE LANSDELL, late of
this Parish Yeo: who died April 2nd
1784, Aged 79 Years.
This Stone was Erected by ELIZ^TH his Wife
Also ELIZABETH his Wife who died
May 12th 1802, Aged 68 Years.

In Memory of
ELEANOR,
wife of JOHN WESTON,
of Red House, in this parish,
who died March 23rd 1875,
aged 57 years.
also of JULIUS,
son of the above,
who died April 27th 1873,
aged 18 years.

There remaineth therefore a rest
to the people of God.

Sacred
to the memory of
WILLIAM JENNER,
of this parish,
who died 24th April 1870,
aged 38 years.
leaving a widow, 3 sons and 2 daughters.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew xxiv, 44.

His sun has gone down while it was yet day

✠ In Memoriam THOMAS HENRY BURDEN, born December 2nd 1843; and Died at Staplehurst, January 6th 1870: Leaving a wife and one son ✠
Also of GERTRUDE, wife of THOMAS HENRY BURDEN
Who Died March 12th 1875. Aged 28 Years.

In
Affectionate Remembrance of
SARAH,
the dearly beloved wife of
JOHN FEAVER
late of this parish,
who died February 22nd 1871,
aged 64 years.
leaving four daughters, (viz)
SARAH-JANE, HARRIETT,
MARY and ELLEN.

"Jesus said come unto me, all ye that labour, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11. 28 Verse.

In Memory of
JOHN FEAVER,
who died July 17th 1877,
aged 66 years.
"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46. 1 Verse.

In Affectionate
Remembrance of
JOHN ROOTES
of this Parish; Blacksmith,
who Died January 23rd 1884
Aged 72 Years.
Leaving surviving three Sons & one Daughter.
Also, near this place
CHARLES, son of the above
who Died January 15th 1879
Aged 24 Years.
And
EMILY JANE, their daughter
who Died May 30th 1877
Aged 24 Years.

Sacred to the Memory of
MARY AUSTEN,
wife of JAMES AUSTEN,
of this parish;
who departed this life Octr. 3rd 1867,
aged 68 years.
Also of
the above named
JAMES AUSTEN,

who died May 19th 1869,
aged 73 years.
left surviving one daughter, ELEANOR.

Sacred
to the memory of
ANN, wife of THOMAS PAINE,
of this parish;
who died January 18th 1850,
aged 71 years.
also of the above named
THOMAS PAINE,
who died October 18th 1852,
aged 81 years.

(On a Slate affixed to West Wall of South Porch.)

In a vault opposite are
deposited the remains of
JAMES JUDGE,
of Goddards Green in this
parish; who died August 17th
1856, aged 54 years.
also of MARIA, his wife,
who died December 21st 1854,
aged 40 years.
also STEPHEN THOMAS, their
infant son died March 31st 1854,
left surviving one son and
one daughter, JAMES-HOWARD,
and SARAH UPTON.

Sacred to the memory of
ANN GOBLE,
the beloved wife of
STEPHEN JUDGE,
of Tenterden, and daughter of
WILLIAM and ELIZABETH LANSDELL,
of this parish,
who departed this life
November 29th 1875 ;
Aged 64 Years.

beloved by all for her christianity
and great benevolence.

In Memory
of WILLIAM LANSDELL
son of
WILLIAM and ELIZABETH
LANSDELL of this Parish,
who died at Maldon in Essex
on the 24 September 1858,
aged 45 years.

In memory of
ELIZABETH,
the wife of
WILLIAM LANSDELL,
of this parish, who died May 10th
1851, aged 69 years.
also of the aforesaid
WILLIAM LANSDELL who
died February 19th 1863 aged 82 years.

left issue surviving
GEORGE, ANNE GOBLE, WILLIAM,
MARY, and THOMAS.

Sacred to the memory of
ELIZABETH,
daughter of
Wm & Elizh LANSDELL
who died May 12th 1836,
aged 18 years.

Sacred
to the Memory of
ROBERT WESTON, of this Parish,
who departed this Life Novr 6th
1822, Aged 64 Years.
Also
ANN his Wife who died Marh 14th
1858, Aged 79 Years.
Left Surviving ANN his Wife
and Issue, 5 Children (viz) ANN,
MARY, ROBERT, JOHN,
and HENRY THOMAS.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
He is my portion while I've breath
My hope in life my life in death.

HARRIET
Daughter of
ROBERT & ANN WESTON
Born August 21st 1811,
Died June 9th 1812.

Sacred to the memory of
ROBERT,
son of ROBERT. & ANN WESTON,
of this parish,
who died Dec.r 29th 1833,
aged 17 years.
also
of ANN, daughter, of the above,
who died August 7th 1835,
aged 26 years.

Double headed Stone.

In Memory of WILL.M SPRINGATE of this Parish Yeo he died ye 27th of Feby 1747 in ye 51st Year of his Age. left Issue by MARG.T his Wife one Son and one Daught WILL.M and MARY Also MARTHA their Daugh.r died an Infant	Also MARGARET his Wife who died Jany 16 1795 Aged 83 Years.

Also in Memory of WILL.M his Son died
Oct.r 30. 1773 Aged 27 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH, wife of EDWARD BARDEN,
(Widow of the late John Wheeler
of Hastings)
Born May 1, 1800 Died March 29, 1866.
ALICE WHEELER was Born 1841,
Died July 10, 1860.

"The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken
away Blessed be the name of the Lord."

In Memory of
WILLIAM HAYLOR,
who died March 8th 1865,
aged 75 years.
For 38 years a faithful servant
in one family, in this parish.

Sacred to the memory of
SARAH CRITTENDEN,
of this parish
who died March 4th 1865,
aged 56 years

Her affliction was long and painful too,
with sorrow and grief while here below,
yet those who are washed in Jesus' blood,
shall live and reign with him above.

In affectionate remembrance of
MIRIAM SHARPE,
who died May 2nd 1865
aged 28 years.

I know that thou wilt bring me to death
and to the house appointed for all living. Job xxx. 23.

In Memory of
JAMES WALKER,
second son of
JOHN and MARY-ANN BARNARD
of Hainford in Norfolk,
who died May the 28th 1864,
aged 18 years.

In Affectionate Remembrance of
EMMA JANE HEALY PARKS,
the beloved wife of
THOMAS PARKS, of Benenden,
died July 2nd 1875,
aged 23 years.
leaving an infant daughter
EMMA CICELY ELIZABETH.

Husband, farewell, tis thou must rear
Our Babe in God's most holy fear;
O teach her infant lips to pray,
And guide her in the narrow way;
So may we meet, renewed, forgiven,
No wanderer lost, a family in Heaven.

"Thy will be done O Lord."

Sacred to the memory of
GEORGE MUNN,
of Yew tree farm in this parish,
who died March 3rd 1885,
aged 73 years.

"Watch and pray: for ye know not
when the time is."

Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS HOPPER,
who died October 31st 1864
Aged 45 Years.

Come unto me all ye that labour and are
heavy laden and I will give you rest

and of
LUCY HORN
who died December 31st 1864
Aged 80 Years.

In Affectionate Remembrance of
KATE MERRICKS,
who Died 8th Octr 1869,
aged 1 Year & 5 Days.
also of
JAMES MERRICKS,
who Died 13th April, 1874,
aged 4 Years.

also of
ALICE MERRICKS
who Died 22nd April, 1874,
aged 10 Years.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord
hath taken away, blessed be
the name of the Lord."

Sacred to the memory of
THOMAS WRIGHT,
of this parish
(formerly of Morton Wood
Shropshire)
who died Feby. 20th 1858,
aged 79 years.
leaving a widow and two sons
THOMAS & GEORGE.
also MARY,
wife of the above THOMAS WRIGHT,
who departed this life
October 28th 1866,
aged 74 years.

In Memory of
SARAH, wife of
JOHN SHOOBRIDGE,
who died 30th July 1811,
aged 38 years.

SALLY, their daughter, died
11th May 1812, aged 5 years, and
is buried in the same grave.

In Memory of
WILLIAM SHOOBRIDGE,
who died 3d December 1821,
aged 20 years.

In the midst of Life, we are in Death.

Here lies
ye Body of
JOHN, Son of
JOHN & PHILLIS
SUTHARDEN who
died July ye 23d
1722 in ye 18th Year
of his Age.
Erected to his
Memory by
Samuel Sutharden
his Brother.

[Register, 1722. July 28. Jno Son of John Suthrenden.]

Here lies
ye Body of
PHILLIS Wife of
JOHN SUTHARDEN

who died June y^e
2^d 1733, in ye 56
Year of her Age
& left Issue one
Son Samuel, who
Erected this to
her Memory.

[Register, 1733. June 7. Phillis Wife of John Sutherden.]

Here
lieth ye Body of
JOHN SOUTHERDEN
who died ye 4 of Sep^t
1748 in ye 70th Year
of his Age.
And left one Son
SAMUEL
who Erected this
to His Memory.

In Memory of
JOHN CUTHBEARTH,
who died 29th October 1817,
aged 74 years.
Also of
HANNAH CUTHBEARTH,
his wife
who died 26th August 1789,
aged 48 years.

(A Triple headed Stone.)

Here lyeth
the Body of
JOHN
CROTHALL
late of this
Parish, Farmer
he died the
29th. of Sepr.
1738 Aged
70 Years.

Also ye Body
of ROBERT
Son of JOHN
CROTHALL by
MARY his Wife
he was also
a Farmer
and a Person
well esteemed
by all
that knew him
he died ye 27th.
of April 1748
in the 45th. Yer.
of his Age.

Here also
lyeth ye Body
of MARY
Wife of ye said
JOHN
CROTHALL
who died the
14. of Feby.
1751 Aged
83 Years.

These Stones were erected to their
Memory by RICHARD CROTHALL.

In Memory of
OBEDIENCE Daugh
of RICHD. & OBEDIE.
CROTHALL Who
Departed this Life
Novr. the 17th. 1752,
Aged 10 Months.

Tho' young my Days
Seven Months I felt Earths pain
Christ took me Soon,
and now I feel my Gain.

In Affectionate Remembrance of

EMILY JENNER,

who died 28th February 1864,

aged 17 years.

Also of

FREDERICK JENNER,

who died 19th December 1875,

aged 28 years,

Thy will be done.

Sacred

to the memory of

LOUISA,

wife of

THOMAS BRYANT,

who died July 2nd 1874,

aged 67 years.

Come on, my partner in distress,
What keeps thee back from home?
Now I have lain me down to rest,
Why shouldst thou further roam!
Hast thou not ever been my guide,
Throughout lifes wearying scene?
Then come and lay thee by my side,
And all will be serene!
For Blessed are the peaceful dead,
Who in the Lord do die;
Their works, the Holy Spirit said,
Shall follow them on high.

In
affectionate remembrance of
CHARLES SOUTHON,
of Cranbrook,
who died June 6th 1874,
aged 77 years.
also of
MARTHA ANN SOUTHON,
wife of the above,
who died March 19th 1878,
aged 78 years.

A time to be born and a time to die.

Sacred
to the memory of
GEORGE THOMPSON,
(of this parish upwards of 20 Years
a faithful Servant of the late
THOMAS LAW HODGES esqr.)
who died on the 8th of July 1864.
(beloved by all who knew him)
aged 62 years.
leaving a wife and one son GEORGE,
him surviving
also
of FRANCES THOMPSON,
(wife of the above) who died on the
23rd of February 1865 aged 65 years.

They rest in hope of a Joyful resurrection.

Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH ARCHER, wife of
JOHN WENMAN,
of this parish;
who died December 22nd 1863,
aged 52 years.

In
memory of
EDWARD GOWER WENMAN,
who died Decr 28th 1879,
aged 76 years.
also of HANNAH,
his widow
who died March 24th 1886,
aged 81 years.
"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

ELIZABETH . WENMAN .
. born . 8th February . 1846 .
. died . 18th September . 1868 .
. "Them . which . sleep . in . Jesus .
. will . God . bring . with . him."

Not my will O God but thine be done

Erected
to the memory of
OWEN SOUTHON,
of this parish;

born November, 6th 1822.
died September, 10th 1863.
leaving a wife and two children
KATHRINE and ANNE ELIZABETH,
to lament their loss.

For nature feels though faith triumph.

In Loving Memory of
THOMAS SOUTHON,
who died 14th June 1876,
aged 77 years.
also of
SOPHIA, his widow,
who departed this life 9th February 1883,
aged 80 years.
and of
CLARA, their youngest daughter,
who died 1st November 1882,
aged 41 years.

In
Memory of
ERNEST EDWIN
Son of
BENJAMIN and CAROLINE SOUTHON,
Born October 16th 1862,
Died October 10th 1863,

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away
blessed be the name of the Lord.

In
memory of
SUSANNA BULEY
spinster, who died March 15th
1863, aged 77 years.

In
memory of
FANNY daughter of
HENRY THOMAS and
MARY WESTON
who died March 7th 1863,
aged 5 years.
also FRANK their son
who died March 16th 1863,
aged 1 year and 11 months.
Not lost, but gone before.
also JOHN their son
who died Jany 7th 1868,
aged 1 year and 5 months.

In
Affectionate Remembrance of
MARY
wife of
HENRY THOMAS WESTON,
of Standen House, Benenden,
died 28th Sept 1873,
aged 48 years.
. And . let . him . that . is . athirst . come . and .
. whosoever . will . let . him . take . of . the .
. water . of . life . freely .

Sacred
to the memory of
RICHARD-JOSEPH-CORNELIUS
BODY,
who departed this life
on the 1st of May 1863
aged 4 years.

One sweet flower has drooped and faded
One beloved child has fled
One fair brow the grave has shaded
One so very dear is dead.

In
memory of
SELINA-JANE VICKERS,
who died
December 14th 1862,
Aged 4 Years.

"She is not dead, but sleepeth."

In memory of
ROSA MILLEN daughter of GEORGE and MARY
MILLEN, who died August 4th 1863,
aged 2 years and 8 months.

In
memory of
JOHN COTTON,
of this parish,
who died April 6th 1875,
aged 88 years.

also of
CHARLOTTE COTTON,
wife of the above,
who died July 11th 1861,
aged 77 years.

To the Memory of
THOMAS BARNS, of this Parish
who departed this Life April 12th
1832, Aged 85 Years.
MARTHA Wife of THOMAS BARNS,
of this Parish; who departed this Life
January the 18th 1812,
Aged 65 Years and 11 Months.

Near this place with me Twelve Infants lay,
With pain and grief I did them bear,
And there to lay till the last Day,
To meet our God we shall appear.

In Memory of
MARY Wife of BRANNIS CATT,
of this Parish; who died April 17th
1787, Aged 53 Years.
Left Issue, 1 Daughter.
And Also of
the abovesaid BRANNIS CATT,
who died April 9th 1820; Aged 89 Years.

In
Memory of THOMAS ARCHER
late School Master of this Parish

who departed this Life
January 4th 1802, Aged 74 Years.
also of
SARAH ARCHER his Wife
who departed this Life
December 18th 1823, Aged 87 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
JONATHAN DUNK,
who died June 6th 1876,
Aged 71 Years.

Stop dear friends as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you will be
Prepare for death and follow me.

also of
ARTHUR VINCENT,
son of the above
who died April 16th 1876,
Aged 36 Years.

[Jonathan Dunk was the Village Blacksmith, and an occasional Preacher at the Independent Chapel at Iden Green.]

Sacred
to the memory of
ELIZABETH,
the beloved wife of
JONATHAN DUNK,
who departed this life
December 21st 1872,
aged 64 years.

also of two infant daughters,
FRANCES, died in 1834,
aged 8 months.
ELIZABETH, died in 1835,
aged 4 months.

ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH.

In Memory of
ELIZ^TH. Wife of THO^S.
BRIGNALL, of this Parish;
who died JAN^Y. 10 : 1801,
Aged 52 Years.
Left Issue 4 Sons and 5 Daughters.
(VIZ) THO^S. BETT, RICH^D. WILL^M.
ANN, MARY, ROB^T. PEGGY,
and SARAH.
Also in Memory of the above
said THO^S. BRIGNALL who
died NOV^R. 2nd. 1801,
Aged 61 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
RICHARD BRIGNALL,
late of Staplehurst, in this County;
who died August the 30th. 1847,
aged 76 years.
left surviving a widow one son
and two daughters.

Also of
EMMA BRIGNALL,
his widow,
who died April the 5th 1832,
aged 74 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
ANN. daughter of
GEORGE & MARY RING,
who died Sept. 17th 1840,
aged 8 months.

Sacred
to the memory of
JOHN BURT,
of this parish;
who died February 10th 1852,
aged 79 years.

In memory of
ELIZABETH DURRANT,
daughter of the late
ALEXANDER WELLER gent,
of Biddenden,
who departed this life
September 15th 1855,
in the 85th year of her age.

Double headed Stone.

Here lyeth the Body of
GEORGE GIBBON
of this Parish,
Gent: who departed
this life January
the Eleventh 1741 in the 71st
Year of his Age
Also in Memory of ANN Wife
of the said GEORGE GIBBON who
died May ye 8th 1780, Aged 91 Years.

Here are Arms Engraved.

[The Arms are Engraved in the centre of the Stone. See p. 63.]

In
Memory of
JAMES PARSONS
of this Parish,
Salesman he died
Novr ye 11th 1767
in the 66 Year of
his Age.

Here lieth
the Body of
MARY, Wife of
JAMES PARSONS
of this Parish Yeo
who departed
this life March
the 2d 1747
Aged 66 Years.

Also ELIZAth their Daughtr
by her former husband NICHs PUXTY
who died ye 19th of May 1742, Aged
31 Years. left Surviving 2 Daughs
MARY & MARTHA.

In
Memory of
JAMES BRESSENDEN
of this Parish who
died Nov.r 6, 1775,
Aged 52 Years.
Also ELIZ.th his Wife
She died April 14 1793
Aged 72 Years.

In this vault
lie the remains of

JANE WITHERS	who died	1776.
ALEXANDER PANKHURST	in	1820.
HARRIETT MOORE	the year	1852.
and		
JAMES MOORE		1861.

(The head of Stone is carved with Fantastic Figures.)

In Memory of
NANNE Wife of JOHN HAFFENDEN of this
Parish, she died Dec.r 7th 1788, Aged 23 Years.
Left Issue one Son and two Daughters.

[Register, 1788. Dec. 11. Nanny Wife of John Haffenden.]
For Haffenden, see "Memorials of Smarden."

Sacred
to the memory of
THOMAS NEVE,
late of Pullington, in this parish;
who departed this life Feb.y 17th 1867,
aged 78 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
SARAH, the wife of THOMAS NEVE,
of this parish;
she died 4th March 1855, aged 66 years.

Also
in memory of
MARTHA,
3rd daughter of
Thos & SARAH NEVE,
she died Sept 15th
1880,
aged 57 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
JOHN HAMSHAR NEVE,
eldest son of
THOMAS & SARAH NEVE,
of this Parish;
who died June 23rd 1833,
aged 20 years.
also of
THOMAS NEVE,
third son of the above named
THOMAS & SARAH NEVE,
who died July 29th 1841,
aged 25 years.

In Memory
of Edwd. Dunkin
of ys Parish he
Died Feby. the 1st.
1741, Aged 40 Ys.
Left Issue one
Son and one
Daughr. Edwd.
and Peggy.

Also in
Memory of
Edwd. Son of
Edwd. Dunkin
by Margaret
his Wife he
died May the
17th. 1757 in ye 21st.
Year of his Age.

Though young my years
My life Always in pain,
I wish for death,
With Christ for to remain.
The blooming Rose,
Smiles with ye morning Sun,
Just then looks gay,
Withereth and is gone.

In Memory of
Margaret Wife of Jno. Jenks,
of this Parish, who died
August 26th. 1768, Aged 61 Years.
Also in Memory of Catharine
Wife of the above said
Jno. Jenks who died Feby. 1, 1781
Aged 66 Years.
Also in Memory of the above said
Jno. Jenks who died May 27
1793. Aged 84 Years.

Erected
to the memory of
William Farley,

of this parish, who died June 26th
1847 aged 71 years.
also KEZIA, his wife
died Feby 6th 1855
aged 84 years.
left issue surviving six sons,
and two daughters.

In Memory of
GEORGE MOORE of this Parish Who
died December the 21. 1719. Aged 55 Years.
Also MARY, his Wife who died May
the 8th 1771, Aged 87 Years.
Likewise in Memory of one Son, and two
Daughters.
ELIZTH died October the 18th 1785.
Aged 72 Years.
SAMUEL died October the 10, 1786
Aged 68 Years.
MARY died April the 3d 1782
Aged 78 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
HANNAH,
the Wife of
JOHN WENMAN,
of this Parish
who died January 6th 1855,
aged 44 years.

Here lieth the Body of
DAVID HARLOCK of this Parish,
who died Decem^r the 12th in 1757,
Aged 90 Years.
Here lieth ye Body of MARGARET
Wife of DAVID HARLOCK of y^e
Parish died April ye 12. 1749 Aged
72 Years. also near this Stone lie
ye Bodys of 1 Son & 3 Daugh^rs
John, Elizt^h Elean^r & Mary
Left Surviving 3 Daugh^r Marg^t
Jane & Mary.

Sacred
to the Memory of
CAROLINE JANE,
the beloved wife of
GEORGE CORK,
who departed this life
May 19th 1857, aged 35 years.
she left surviving two sons, FREDERICK
GEORGE, and CHARLES ALBERT.

In
Memory of
RICHARD
BUTCHER of
this Parish Carp-
-enter who died
April ye 17th 1769
Aged 75 Years.

Here
lyeth ye Body
of ELIZ^TH Wife
of RICHARD
BUTCHER,
& Eldest Daugh^r
of DAVID HARLOCK
both of y^s Parish
She died Aug^st ye 2
1739 in ye 35th
Year of her Age.

Had Issue 8 Children of whom 4 Survive
John, Elizath Thos and Mary.
In Memory of one of the best of Wives.

Sacred
to the Memory of
ANN, Daughter, of
THOMAS & ANN REEVES
of this Parish;
who died June 5th 1842,
in the 34th Year of her Age.

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOMAS REEVES,
of this Parish, who died Jany 1st
1838, in the 69th Year of his Age,
ANN, Wife, of THOMAS REEVES,
of this Parish, who departed this Life,
November 21st 1832,
in the 63rd Year of her Age
Left Issue Surviving four Sons,
and two Daughters, (viz)
EDWARD AYEARST, THOMAS,
FRANCIS, RICHARD, JANE,
and ANN.

Sacred
to the Memory of
MARY ANN REEVES,
Daughter of

Thos. and Ann Reeves,
of this Parish: who died
April the 28th 1806,
in the 14th Year of her Age.

And also of

John Reeves, their Son,
who died the 9th of Septr. 1813,
in the 7th Year of his Age.

EAST OF PATH: NORTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH.

Sacred
in Memory of
Elizabeth wife of John Nash,
tailor, of this parish; who died
July, 25th 1856, aged 71 years.
left surviving 2 sons
and 3 daughters.

Blessed are the Dead that Die in the Lord.

also the above named
John Nash,
who died Jany 29th 1874.
aged 84 years.

In Memory of

Thomas Potter, of this Parish,
who died May 25th 1810, Aged 82 Years.
Also of Elizabeth his Wife who died
August 27th 1795. Aged 66 Years.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

(On top of an Altar Tomb close to North Porch.)

Here lieth the Body of
FRANCIS SMITH Junr. and
ELIZTH his Wife (ELIZTH was Daughr.
of LUKE and ELIZTH WILLORD
of this Parish) she . . .
. . . . . .
1713 they left 5 Children
viz . . . . . .
. . . . . .
FRANCIS SMITH who died
April 25 1718 in the
28 Year of his Age. (Broken.)

[Register, 1713. June 8. Ffrancis Smith poor.]

Sacred to the memory of
WALTER second son of WALTER OTTE esq—
of Plumbors Hall Essex.
who departed this life August 17th 1843—
aged 13 years.

In memory of
JOHN WENMAN,
Carpenter, of this parish;
who died March 24th 1844,
aged 73 years.
also ANN, his wife died
Decr 1st 1852, aged 79 years.
youngest daughter of
EDWARD GOWER,
of this parish, left issue
EDWARD GOWER, and JOHN.

In Memory of
JEFFERY GILBERT,
who died Jan.y 28th. 1838,
Aged 83 Years. also
of MARY, Wife of
JEFFERY GILBERT,
Blacksmith of this Parish,
who died Nov.r the 14th. 1821,
Aged 68 Years.
Left Issue 3 Sons JESSE,
JOHN & SAMUEL,

Here let her Rest,
In undesturbed Dust;
Untill the Resurrection
Of the Just.

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOMAS SOUTHON, of this Parish
who departed this Life Nov.r 14th. 1826
Aged 56 Years.
Also ELIZABETH, Wife of the above
named, who died Dec.r 24th. 1841,
Aged 71 Years.
Left Issue; eight Sons, & one Daughter.

In Memory of
Children of
THOMAS and SOPHIA SOUTHON,
ELLEN
Born July 1st. 1828. Died Dec.r 25th. 1829

IDEN
Born May 23rd 1830, Died June 23rd 1832.
SABINA
Born Janr 27th 1837, Died March 5, 1838
"Our rest together is in the dust."

Sacred
to the memory of
HARRY-FREDERICK,
son of
HUMPHREY-ROBERT
and MARY PORTER;
born at Hemstead
May 30th 1854,
died August 27th 1857.

Suffer little children to come
unto me, and forbid them not: for
of such is the kingdom of Heaven.
St Luke. Cap. 18. v. 16.

Sacred
to the memory of
ELIZABETH,
daughter of
FREDERICK & SARAH-ANN
SIMMONS;
who departed this life
January 25th 1853,
aged seven months.

In Memory of JOHN CARLY
Yeo: who died Jan.y 10. 1786,
Aged 74 Years.
ELIZ.TH his Wife who died
April 28. 1772. Aged 57 Years.
ELIZ.TH Wife of THO.S CARLY
their Daughter who died
April 8, 1777 Aged 26 Years.
and of their two Children
who lie Interred at
Hawkhurst.

Elizabeth
Wife of THOMAS MUNN of
this Place Brick-maker,
Died 9th May 1820, Aged 73 Years.
Also the above said
THOMAS MUNN, who died
August 21st 1836, Aged 77 Years.
Left Issue THOMAS, JAMES, and
JOHN.

In Memory of
MARIA Daughter of
THOMAS and MARGARET MUNN
of this Parish.
who was born January 25th 1813,
and departed this life December 5th
1814.

In memory of
ELIZABETH JANE
daughter of
CHARLES and ELIZ.TH
ANN MILLER,
of Frittenden, who died
Nov.r 27th 1834, aged 1 year
and 6 months.
also
MARY ANN,
their daughter, who died
Dec.r 2nd 1836, aged 5 years.
also GEORGE CHARLES,
their Son died July 16th 1839,
aged 4 years and 4 months.
also HENRY LOVELL
their son who died May 8th
1840, aged 1 month.

In midst of life we are in death.

In memory of
EDWIN SOUTHON, of this
parish, who died April 21st 1858,
aged 30 years.
he left surviving a widow
and one daughter.

In memory of
MARTHA
SOUTHON LONGLEY,

died at Cranbrook,
Augt 8th 1862, aged 15 months:
the beloved child of
GILES & MARTHA-ANN LONGLEY, of London;
formerly of this parish.

"Suffer little children to come unto
me and forbid them not, for of such is
the kingdom of God."

Sacred
to the memory of
GEORGE SOUTHON,
of this Parish, Yeoman;
who departed this life, April, 19th 1856,
Aged 63 Years.
Left surviving a Widow,
five Sons, and three Daughters.
also of
SARAH,
Wife of the above;
who died July, 15th 1870,
aged 71 Years.

Sacred
to the memory of
ELIZABETH,
Wife of CORNELIUS COLEBROOK,
of this Parish;
who died April 13th 1857,
aged 33 years.

leaving a husband and infant son, ERNEST,
to lament the loss of an affectionate wife,
and kind mother.

"Prepare to meet thy God."

In
Memory of
FREDERICK SOUTHON,
youngest son of
GEORGE & SARAH, SOUTHON
who died 28th December 1865,
aged 32 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
JOHN ASHMOLE
son of
ELIAS & ANN ASHMOLE.
who died June 29th 1842;
aged 1 year and
10 months.

Sacred
to the Memory of
THOMAS MUNN,
late of Tenterden, Cordwainer, who
departed this life 25th February 1816,
aged 58 Years.
Left Issue by ELIZABETH his Wife
JARVIS, THOMAS, SARAH & CHARLOTTE.

Erected
to the memory of
ELIZABETH, wife of
JARVIS MUNN,
of this parish, who died
Novr. 13th. 1839, aged 64 years.
Also of the above JARVIS MUNN
who died July 17th. 1861,
aged 80 years.
left Issue surviving
7 children, JARVIS, SAMUEL
WILLIAM, THOMAS, GEORGE
SARAH, and DAVID.

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MONUMENTS RECENTLY ERECTED.

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In Memory
of
MARTHA PUXTY
of Rose Cottage
Born Decr. 8th. 1828
Died Jan^ry. 4th. 1888.

A Light is from the Household gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

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Sacred
to the memory of
HENRY CORK,
who Died December 30th 1886
Aged 82 Years.
Also of MARY,
wife of the above
who Died March 20th 1878
Aged 74 Years.
"It is sown in weakness; it is
raised in power."
Left Surviving
SARAH . ELIZABETH . GEORGE .
ALBERT . HENRY . MARIA - & EDWIN .

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Sacred
to the memory of
REYNOLDS MARSHALL
who Died May 3rd 1887
Aged 83 Years.
Also of MARTHA,
wife of the above
who Died March 4th 1867
Aged 64 Years.
Left Surviving
3 Sons and 2 Daughters.
viz. REYNOLDS, JOHN, ELIZABETH
STEPHEN and LYDIA.

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STONES FORMERLY EXISTING.

NOTES IN PARISH REGISTER. By REV. W. J. EDGE, Vicar.

During the Restoration of Benenden Church 1861–62, the Gravestones lying in the floor of the North and South Aisles were necessarily covered by the New York.

The following are faithful Copies of the several Inscriptions :—

(1) At a distance of 2 ft. 6 in. from E. wall, and 9 ft. 8 in. from S. wall lies a Stone on which is inscribed a Shield, containing Per Chev. three Elephants' heads erased. Crest; an Elephant's head erased. (the lines denoting colours are obliterated).

Just below the Coat of Arms is the following :—

"Hic jacet Johannes Saunders
LL.B. quondam Vicarius
de Bennenden in Comitatu
Cantii.
Obiit 5º die Aprilis 1724.
Ætatis Suæ 50."

"Serius aut citius Sedem properamus ad unam ;
Heu dimus (?) huc omnes, hæc est domus ultima nobis

On the same Stone under the foregoing is the following :—

"Richardus Saunders, Clericus,
quondam Rector de Westley
in Comᵗ Cantabrigiæ, et nunc
Minister de Hawkhurst in
Com. Cantii
"Amantissimus fratri posuit."

[Parish Register, 1724. April 10. The Revᵈ John Saunders Vicar.]

(2) At a distance of 13 feet from E. Wall and 8 ft. 4 in. from South Wall is a very large Stone with merely the inscription

"F. Boys
1844."

(3) At a distance of 22 ft. 6 in. from E. wall, and 7 ft. 8 in. from S. wall is a large Stone with following inscription :—

"Sacred to the Memory of Anna Maria, eldest daughter of William and Harriet Goble of this parish, who departed this life on the 25th July 1822 aged 15 years.

Also, To the Memory of Harriet wife of William Goble (spelt Gobee) who departed this life March 30th 1837, Aged 51 years.

Also To the Memory of Mary Ellen, third daughter of William and Harriet Goble, who departed this life, September 9th 1845, aged 21 years.

Also To the Memory of the above William Goble, who departed this life, April 11th 1849, aged 68 years.

(4) At a distance of 7½ ft. from N. wall and about 11 ft. 6 in. from Chancel Aisle Steps, is a Stone with the following inscription :—

"In Memory of Henry Heath Yeo. who died July the 22nd 1787, aged 30 years. Left issue one Son and two Daughters.

Calm are the slumbers of the just
And peaceful rest their sacred Dust
Till the last Trumpet's solemn sound
Awakes the dead and cleaves the ground.
Then shall this Body joyful rise
To meet our Saviour in the Skies."

"Also Anna Maria his wife, who died June 18th 1800, aged 38 years.

"Their eldest Daughter Anna Maria who died Jan. 30. 1810, aged 19 years.

(5) At a distance of 7 ft. 6 in. from N. wall and about 18 ft. from Chancel Aisle Steps is a Stone with the following Inscriptions :—

"Sacred to the Memory of Henry Second son of Samuel and Ann Heath of this Parish, who departed this life on the 9th of December 1822, aged 3 years.

Also To the Memory of Mary Ann second daughter of Samuel and Ann Heath who died February 9th 1838 aged 21 years."

(6) Opposite door of Stairs leading to Chamber over the South Porch is the following:—

"Here lyeth the Body of Samuel Hunt, late of this Parish, who departed this life December ye 28. 1735, in ye 84th Year of his Age.

Also here lyeth the Body of Mary, Wife of the sd Samuel Hunt, Daughter of Richard and Mary Grant of this Parish Gent: She departed this life October the 24th 1740 in the 84th Year of her Age.

They had issue 2 Sons and 3 Daughters of whom 4 survive viz: Mary, Samuel, Deborah, Ann, and Thos deceased."

(7) In N. W. corner of Nave, close in corner, is the following:—

In Memory of Samuel Hunt of this Parish, Gent: who died December 22nd 1783, aged 64 years.

Also, Ann his Wife, who died May 26. 1778, aged 64 years. Also, Ann their Daughter who died March 18. 1774 aged 21 years.

Left issue one Son Samuel; also Deborah Daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hunt. She died October 1. 1781. Aged Six Months. Likewise Elizabeth their Daughter died Feby 8. 1785. Aged Seven Months.

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FUNERAL ORDERS AND CHURCH MONUMENTS.

By R. HOLME.

In the Chancell Window (Benenden) is this writing:—

Orate pro animabus Johañis Brenchley et Willm̄i More.

On a Grave Stone in Mores Chapel in Benenden:—

Hic jacet Wateri More Armigeri qui obijt 24 die mensis Martij año 1504 et Aliciæ uxor dicti Walteri quæ obijt. quor aiābs ppitietur deus. (Brit. Mus. Harl. MS. 2129. f. 221 b. also Arch. Cant. xi. 396; xiii. 137. Harl. MS. 3917. 20. b.)

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BIOGRAPHIES OF VICARS.

By diligent search of the Archbishops' Registers at Lambeth, the books of First Fruits and Institution in the Public Record Office, documents at Canterbury, and other sources, an authentic account may be obtained of about fifty Vicars.

HENRY LE WHITE is the first name which has come down to us. He is described as a Presbyter, and was admitted and instituted on the ninth day of October, A.D., 1323, to the Vicarage of the Church of Benenden, to which he had been presented by the Religious House of Combwell, the true patrons of the same.

Registr. Archiepisc. Cantuar.

Benyndenn Vicaria de. 9 die Octob. A.D. 1323 admissus fuit et institutus *Henr. le White* Presb. ad Vicar Eccl. de Benynden ad quam per Religiosos Domus de Cumbwell veros ejusdem patronos fuerat presentatus. *Reynolds.* f. 251. a.

(British Museum Ad. MS. 6062. &c. p. 29.)

WILLIAM OF DOVOR. (resigned.)

GALFRIDUS CADENEY ALIAS CADENAY, on the 25th of November, 1361, was at Otford admitted to the Vicarage of Benenden, in the Diocese of Canterbury, rendered vacant by the resignation of Sir William of Dovor, the last Vicar there, in the hands and presentation of the Prior and Convent of Combwell,

7 Kal Nov. A.D. 1361 apud Otteford admissus fuit dñs *Galf. Cadenay* Preb. ad Vicar. Eccl. de Benyndenn Cant. Diec. P. resignat. dñi *Will. de Dovorr* ult. Vicar. ibid. in manus dñi fact. vacant. ad presentat. Prioris & Convent. de Combwell veror &c. *Islep.* 292. a. p. 80.

ALAN BOYS, Chaplain, on the 9th of March, 1385, was, at Lambeth, admitted by the Lord Archbishop to the Parish Church of Benenden, vacant, in the gift of Edmund Stablegate and Alice his wife, &c.

9. Die Martii 1385 apud Lameth dñs *Alanus Boys* Capellanus admissus fuit per dñum ad Eccliam Poch de Benyngton Cant Diæc vacantem ad presentationem dni Edmundi Stablegate & Alicie uxoris sue veros. *Courtenaye* I. 261. a. p. 53.

PHILIP HAMON, Chaplain, on the 18th day of June, 1389, was at Croydon, admitted to the Perpetual Vicarage of the Parish Church of Benenden, in the diocese of Canterbury, being vacant, in the presentation of the Prior and Convent of Combwell. He exchanged with his successor for Eastry, and afterwards, in 1414, for the Rectory of Frinsted.

18 Die Mens. Junii A.D. 1389 apud Croydon admissus fuit dñs *Phil. Hamon* Capellanus ad Perpet. Vicar. Ecclesie Poch de Benynden Cant. Diæc. vacant. ad presentat. Prioris & Convent. de Combwell veror &c. *Courtenaye*, I. 273. a. p. 52. *Chich.* I. 60.

THOMAS GOLDYNGTON, became Vicar April 1, 1404, having been previously at Eastry: after holding Benenden five years, he again effected an exchange for S. John's, Margate.

Primo die Mensis April A.D. 1404 apud Cant. dñs auctorizavit permutat inter dños *Tho. Goldyngton* Vicar. perpet. Ecclesie Poch. de Estry Cant. Diæc et *Phil. Hamon* Vicar. perpet. Eccl. de Benynden Cant. Diæc. ad presentat. Prioris &c. Convent de Combwell veror &c. *Arundell* II. 294. a. p. 282.

(Liber Estriæ by W. F. Shaw. 159.)

THOMAS BARRE. On September 2, 1409 the Archbishop authorized an exchange between Thomas Goldyngton, Vicar of Benenden, and Thomas Barre perpetual Vicar of S. John's, Margate, in the gift of the Abbot and Convent of S. Augustine's, Canterbury. After two years Barre again exchanged Benenden, for S. Nicholas, Rochester.

2 Die Mensis Septembris A.D. 1409 apud Maghfeld dñs auctorizavit Permutationem inter dños *Tho. Goldyngton* Vicarium perpetuum Ecclesie pochialis de Benynden Cant. Diæc. ad presentat Prioris et Convent. de Cumbwell veror &c et *Thomam Barre* Vicarium perpetuum Ecclesie Poch Sancti Johannis in Insula de Thaneto Cant Diæc ad presentationem Abbatis and Conventus Sancti Augustini Cant veror. *Arundell* II. 5+. a.

THOMAS CLERE having been previously Vicar of S. Nicholas, Rochester, exchanged the same for the Vicarage of Benenden in December 1411, he however held the latter less than twelve months.

Certificatorium dni Ricardi Roffen Epi de et super expeditione permutationis inter dños *Thomam Barre* Vicarium Perpetuum Ecclesie Poch. de Benyndem Cant. Diæc. ad presentat Prioris et Conventus Prioratus de Cumbwell Cant Diæc veror &c Et *Thomam Clere* Vicarium Altaris Sancti Nicholai in Civitate Roffen. Dat. apud Roffen. 17 Die Mensis Decemb. A.D. 1411. 63. a.

BARTHOLOMEW ATTE WODE. A Certificate of Henry Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester, dated October, 1412, sanctions an exchange between Bartholomew Atte Wode Vicar of Ebbesham, and Thomas Clere of Benenden.

Certificatium dñi Henrici Wyntonien. Epi de et super expeditione permutationis inter duos *Barthol. Atte Wode* Vicarium perpetuum Ecclesie Poch. de Ebbesham Wynt. Diæc et dñum

Thomam Clere de Kyrkeby Belers Vicarium Perpetuum Ecclesie Poch. de Benynden, Cant. Diæc. ad presentat. Prioris et Conventus B. Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell Cant. Diæc veror &c. Dat. apud London primo die Mensis Octob. A.D. 1412. *Arundell.* II. 64. b. 65. a.

WILLIAM DE KIRKEBY, formerly Rector of Bytelstede, exchanged the same for Benenden in September 1415, and in less than a year again effected an exchange with his successor for the Parish of Aldermanbury, London.

26 Sep. A.D. 1415 apud Saltwode receptum fuit Certificatorium dni Ricardi Roffen Epi de & super expedicione permutationis inter Mag. *Barth. atte Wode* Vicar perpet Eccl poch de Benynden Cant Diæc ad presentat Prioris & Convent de Combewelle ordinis S. Augustini Cant Diæc. &c et dūm *Will de Kirkeby* Rectorem eccl. Poch de Bytelstede Roffen Diæc. *Chichele.* I. 66. a. p. 66.

THOMAS MARCHAM obtained this Benefice in 1416 by exchange for the Parish of Aldermanbury, London, as appears by the Certificate, but in 1423 removed to Shorne.

17 Julii 1416 apud Forde receptum fuit certificatorium dni Thomæ More Decani & Capituli Eccl Cathedral S. Pauli London de & super expedicione permutationis facte inter dnos *Will de Kirkeby* Vicar Perpet Eccl Poch de Benynden Cant Diæc ad presentat Prioris & Convent Eccl. B. M. Magdalene de Cumbwell ordinis S. Augustini Cant Diæc veror &c. *Tho. Marcham* vicar perp. Poch de Aldebury London Diæc. dictioneque Decani & Capituli Jurisdictionis immediate. *Chichele* I. 75. b. p. 101.

JOHN GRENEHILL, having previously held the Vicarage of Shorne, in the Diocese of Rochester, exchanged the same for Benenden in 1423, but held it only two years, his death occurring in 1425.

22 Jan. 1423 apud Lameth receptum fuit certificatorium dni Johis Roffen Epi de & super expedicione permutationis facte inter dños *Thomam Marcham* vicarium ecc poch de Benyngden Cant Diæc. ad præsentat B. M. Magdalene de Combwell & *Johem Grenehill* vicarium eccl poch de Shorne Roffen Diæc.

Chichele I. 145. b. p. 293.

John Mannyng, a Chaplain, on July 25, 1425, was at Maidstone admitted to the perpetual Vicarage of the Parish Church of S. George, Benenden, in the Diocese of Canterbury, vacant by the death of John Grenehill, the last Vicar there in the gift of the Prior and Convent of the Blessed Mary of Combwell.

25 Julii A.D. 1425 dñs apud Maydeston admisit dñ *Johem Mannyng* Capellanum ad vicarium perpetuum Eccl Poch S. Georgii de Benynden Cant Diæc per mortem de *Johis Grenehill* ultimi Vicarii ibidem vacantem ad presentat Prioris & Convent B. M. de Cumbwell. *Chichele.* I. 156. b. p. 319.

John Masham, formerly Vicar of Heckfield, which he exchanged for Benenden in 1425, this latter however he resigned after a few months.

17 Octob. 1425 apud Lamehith receptum fuit certificatorium dni Thomæ Cicestren Epi de & super expedicione permutationis factæ inter dominos *Johannem Mannyng* vicarium ecclesie parochialis de Benyngden Cantuar dioc ad presentationem Prioris & Conventus de Cumbwell &c et *Johannem Masham* vicarium perpetuum de Hezgfelde, Cicestr dioc. *Chichele.* I. 157. b. p. 324.

Thomas Alston, Chaplain, was on the 15th June. 1426 admitted, at Higham-Ferrers, to the Vicarage of Benenden, vacant by the resignation of John Massham, the last Vicar there, in the gift of the Prior and Convent of Combwell. Alston resigned within a month.

15 Junii A.D. 1426 apud Hiegham fferers dns admisit dnm *Thomam Alston* Capellanum ad Vicariam perpetuam eccl. poch de Benyngden, Cant diæc p resignat dni *Johis Massham* ult vicarii ibidem vacant. ad presentationem Prioris & Convent. de Cumbwell &c. *Chichele* I. 161. a. p. 336.

THOMAS KNOCKERE, Chaplain, was admitted Vicar in July, 1426, but died in less than a year.

17 Julii A.D. 1426 dns admisit dnm *Thomam Knockere* Capellanum ad vicariam perpetuam eccl Poch de Benynden, Cant Diæc per liberam resignat dni *Thome Alston* ult vicarii ibid vacantem ad presentationem Prioris & Convent de Cumbwell, &c. *Chichele* I. 162. a. p. 339.

JOHN SOMERBY was presented to the Vicarage of Benenden by the Prior and Convent of Combwell on the last day of June, 1427, and after holding it twenty years tendered his resignation.

Ultimo die Junii 1427 apud Lameth admisit dnm *Johem Somerby* Capell. ad Vic. ppet eccl poch de Benynden Cant Diæc vacant p mort. dni *Tho. Knockere* ult. vic. ibid ad psentat Prior & Convent B.M. Magdalene de Cumbwell &c. *Chichele* I. 168. b. p. 357.

ROBERT MELLER was admitted Vicar of S. George's, Benenden, in July, 1447, the benefice being vacant by the resignation of Somerby, and in the patronage of the Prior of Combwell.

17 Julii admissus fuit dn *Robert Meller* Capell ad Vic. perp. E. P. S. Georgii de Benyden p. resig dni *Johis Somerby* ult. V. ibid vac. ad presentat Prioris & Conventus Ecclesie B. M. de Cumewell ordinis S. Augustini, Dict. Diæc. *Stafford*, 94. a.

HENRY CRANEBROKE was Prior of the House of S. Mary Magdalene, Combwell, and in December, 1455, the Archbishop authorised an exchange with William Watson, Rector of Eythorne. In December, 1458,

Henry Cranebroke exchanged Eythorne for the Vicarage of Cranbrook, with one Thurstan Bolde. This latter was instituted to Cranbrook August 10, 1458.

(Annals of Cranbrook Church, by W. Tarbutt. Ministers. p. 81.)

13 Die Dec. 1455 dns auctorizavit pmutat inter fratrem *Henri : Cranebroke* priorem domus Sancte Mariæ Magdalene de Combewell ordis S. Augustini Cant Diæc cum quo p sedem aplicam ad accept--and beneficium curatum sufficienter extitit dispensatum Vicar. perpetuum Ecclesie Poch de Benynden ejusdem diæc ad presentat. prioris Domus Stæ Marie prediet & ejusdem loci Conventus et dm *Will. Watson.* Rector E. P. de Egthorne similiter ejusdem Diæc ad presentat (honeste mulieris, in original) *Juliane Gyldeford* relicte *Edwardi Gyldeford* dicte Ecclie patrone. *Bourgchier* I. 61. b p. 32.

Egthorne or *Eythorn.* 12 Die Mensis Decemb. A.D. 1458 apud Lamehith dns expedivit negocium permutationis inter fratrem *Henr. Cranebroke* Rectorem Ecclesie poch. de Egthorne, Cant Diæc ad presentat. dni *Thome Browne* Militis, Et dnm *Thurstanum Bolde* Vicarium Ecclesie poch de Cranebroke Collationis & Diæc dni. *Bourchier* 71 b. 72. a.

William Watson, according to Hasted, was appointed to Benenden in 1461, and died in 1473. (Wills Prerog. off. Cant.)

Thomas Heikar, M.A., was admitted February 24, 1473, to the Perpetual Vicarage of the Parish Church of Benenden, vacant by the death of Sir *William Watson*, the last Vicar there in the patronage of the Prior and Conventual Church of Combwell.

24 Feb. A.D. 1473 dns admis ad. V. pp. Ec. p. de Benynden p mort. dni *Will. Watson* ultimi Vicarii ibid vac. ad P. Prioris & Conventus Ecl. Conventualis de Combwell diet. Diæc veros & dnm. *Bourgchier* I. 109. b. p. 176.

WILLIAM CLYFFORD was admitted by the Archbishop to the Vicarage of Benenden in June, 1482, vacant by the death of Mr. Hekyr, and for this turn in the gift of Alexander Colpepyr, Esquire.

26 Juni 1482 dūs apud Knoll admisit dm̄ *Will Clyfford* Capellanum ad Vicar p. eccl. p. de Benynden Cant Diæc p. mort Mag. *Thome Hekyr* ult. v. ad quam per *Alexandrum Colpepyr* arm. dictæ Vicarie hac vice racione donacionis prox vacationis sibi per Priorem & Conv. de Combwell veros &c patronos.

Bourgchier, I. 130. b. p. 240.

RICHARD WYLLESFORD is mentioned by Hasted with the note,—"Will Prerog. Off. Cant."

GEORGE CROWMER was admitted to the Vicarage of S. George's, Benenden, October 27, 1513, vacant by the death of the last Incumbent, and in the patronage of the Prior and Convent of Combwell. This Vicar is mentioned in the Valor Ecclesiasticus, or survey completed in the 27th year of Henry VIII.

(Georgius Crom'. p, 96.)

27 Octob. 1513 dns apud Lambeth admisit Mag. *Georgium Crowmer* cleric ad V. P. Sti Georgii de Benynden Cant. Diæc Per mortem ult. incumb. ibid vacant ad Prioris & Conv. B. M. Magdalene de Combwell Cant Diæc ipsius V. patronor. *Warham*. 352. a. p. 248.

Among the Appropriations is found the following:—Ecclesiæ appropriatæ Monasterio de Combwell. Ecl. S. Georgii de Benynden. *Warham*. 142. a. ad 143. b.

HENRY STRENSHAM. The name of this Vicar is found in the First Fruits Composition Books at the Record Office. (Persons compounding for First Fruits *Hen. Streynsham* Cl. 2 Aug. 35. Hen. 8. Series I. Vol. I. Com. Kanc.) Upon the death of the last Incumbent,

Strensham was admitted in June, 1542, to the Vicarage of Benenden, having been presented to the same by Sir John Gage, Knight. He enjoyed the Benefice only three years.

15 Junii 1542 apud Lambehith dūs admisit dūum *Henricum Strensham* clericum ad Vicarium perpetuam Ecclesiæ Poch. de Benenden Cant. Diæc. P. Mortem ultimi Incumbentis ibid. vacant ad quam Per dūm *Johem Gage* Militem ipsius Vicarie patronum dūo existit presentatus. *Cranmer.* 389. a. p. 215.

Richard Water. s.t.b. succeeded to Benenden upon the death of Strensham, and was admitted by the Archbishop at Lambeth in June, 1545, the patronage being then vested in the hands of Sir John Guldeford, Knight.

14 die Mens Jun. 1545 apud L. dns ad. Mag. *Rich. Water* sacre theologiæ bacallar ad V. P. E. P. de Benenden Cant Diæc. P. Mort *Henrici Strensham* Cleric vac. ad P. *Johis Guildeford* Militis. *Cranmer.* 395. b.

(First Fruits :—Ricūs Water 15 June 37. H. 8.)

[This Vicar is mentioned in the Archdeacon's Visitations :—fols. 13, 40, 84, 126.]

William Darrell, m.a. having been presented to the Vicarage of Benenden by Sir John and Lady Mary Guldeford, was admitted to the same by the Archbishop in November 1561. The benefice had been rendered vacant by the death of Richard Water. Darrell was also Rector of Little Chart, but did not reside there: Archdeacon's Visitation 1550—55 (fols. 12, 40, 84, 126). At a Visitation held in Ashford Church in 1563 it was presented that William Darrell was non resident, and the Vicarage stood in need of repairs (f. 5). The Curate was Maurice Pennyall, but they had *no parson* last quarter.

10 die mensis Nov. A.D. 1561 apud Lambehith Epus admisit *Will. Darrell* A.M. ad V. Pt. eccl poch. de Benynden Cant Dioc. Mortem *Rich. Walter* clerici ultimi Vicar ibidem vacant ad presentat *Johis Gulford* Militis & dne *Marie* ejus uxoris veror.

Parker. 351. b. p. 217.

(First Fruits. Wilts Dorell. 27 Mar. 5. Eliz.)

In A.D. 1569 the Vicarage was vacant, the Church being served by George Grayne, a married man holding no other benefice. He did not preach, nor was he a Graduate. There were at that time 148 houses, and 547 Communicants in the Parish. (F. 14.)

WILLIAM SMYTH, upon the 27th of January, 1576, was admitted by the Archbishop to the Perpetual Vicarage of the Parish Church of Benenden, the patronage having lapsed to Queen Elizabeth.

27 Jan. A.D. 1576 apud Lambehith dns admisit *Will. Smyth* clericum ad V. Pt. Eccl Poch de Beninden, jam de Jure legitime vacantem ad quam per dñam Eliz. Angliæ Reginam dictæ V. pt. racione prerogativæ suæ regiæ per lapsum temporis devolut. veram & indubitatam ut dicitur patronam dni presentatis extitit. *Gryndall.* 513. b. p. 281.

(First Fruits, Wiltus Smith, 28 Jan. 19. Eliz.)

MARK SAUNDERS was instituted to the Parish Church of Benenden in February, 1579, the presentation to the same being again in the hands of the Crown.

The paving of the Chancel having been presented at the Visitation as being in "some decay for want of paving," Saunders certified in 1581, that it had been repaired. Two years later complaint was made that the Vicar did not wear the Surplice, and neglected to Catechise the young.

16 Feb. 1579 Institutio *Marci Saunders* ad V. Pt. Eccl Poch de Benenden Cant legitime vacantem ad. P. dne Eliz Angl reginæ. *Gryndall.* 535. ab. p. 306. (First Fts.: M. Saunders Cl. 22 Mar. 22 Eliz.)

WALTER JONES, M.A., was instituted on the last day of March, 1586, the Church having been rendered vacant by the death of the last Incumbent. The Crown once more presented in consequence of the minority of Sir Henry Guldeford, Knight.

After holding the Benefice upwards of twenty years Jones was deprived.

Ultimo die Mensis Mart. A.D. 1586 Institutio Mag. *Gualteri Jones* cleric A. M. ad V Pt. Eccl Poch de Benynden Cant Dioc per Mortem ultimi Incumbentis ibid. vacant ad presentat dñe dnæ Eliz Anglie Regine vere & indubitate hac Vice rocõe minoris ætatis *Henrici Galdeforde* Armigeri ut dicitur patronæ.

Whitgift. 466 b. p. 233.

(First Fruits :—Walter[s]. Jones 8 Apr. 28 Eliz.)

In 1558 this Vicar is thus mentioned in the Archdeacon's Visitation; *Visitacio dni Archini Cant. Decanatus Charinge:* "*Bennenden.* Vicarius dns Walterus Jones artiũ magr. compt."

VINCENT HUFFAM, M.A., was Vicar of Seasalter in 1596, and in April, 1608, was instituted to Benenden, his patron being Sir Henry Guldeford, Knight. Huffam resigned both these Benefices in 1611. That Huffam was a married man appears from an amusing Presentment made at the Archdeacon's Visitation.

29 Mensis April A.D. 1608 Institutio Mag. *Vincentii Huffam* cleric A. M. V. Pt. Ecc Poch de Benenden Cant Diœc P. deprivationem *Walteri Jones* Ultimi Incumbentis ibid vacant. ad presentat. dni *Henrici Guildeforde* de Benenden predict Militis ipsius V. veri & indubitat ut dicitur patroni. *Bancroft.* 284. ab. p. 118.

(First Fruits :—Vincent Huffam 6 Jan. 6 Jac.)

RICHARD AUSTEN, B.A. Upon the resignation of Huffam, Sir Henry Guldeford, Knight, appointed Richard Austen as his successor. The Archbishop instituted him June, 1611. According to Hasted he died in 1643.

6 Die Mensis Jun. A.D. 1611 Institutio Mag. *Rich. Austen* cleric ad V. Pt Ecc Poch de Benenden Cant Diæc P. Res *Vincentii Huffam* cleric A. M. Ultimi Incumbentis ibid vacant. ad presentat dni *Henrici Guildford* Militis ipsius V.

(In original :—Richard Awsten Clicus in Artibus bacchus verbiq divini Concionator.) *Abbot.* 388. a. p. 150.

(First Fruits :—Ricūs Austen. 6 Jun. 9º jac.)

NATHANIEL WILMOTT, B.A., was instituted according to Hasted March 22, 1643, his patroness having been *Sarah Sharp*, widow, hac vice. the Liber Institutionum however gives November 13, 1646, as the date.

(Lib. Inst. p. 20. at Record Office. 13 Nov 1646. Nath: Willmott £17 12s. 6d. First Fruits. 13 Nov. 22. Carol.)

JOSEPH USBORNE, ALIAS OSBORN, was admitted to Benenden Vicarage by Oliver Cromwell in 1658. Particulars of his appointment are to be found at Lambeth Library. He held the Benefice until his ejectment in 1662. Calamy notices at length the career of this Vicar, and states that one Austin was turned out of the living for insufficiency, and that the people got Osborn to preach among them. It is certain however that Nathaniel Wilmott was his immediate predecessor. He is said to have preached in Sussex, as well as in London, and various parts of Kent, after his ejectment from Benenden, and finally retired to Staplehurst, where he died December 28, 1714, at the ripe age of 85.

STAPLEHURST PARISH REGISTER.

1714. Jan : 3 *Buried Jos : Usborn*
1712. Febr : 20 *Buried the wife of Jos : Usborne*

There is an Altar Tomb in the Churchyard there, near the South Porch thus inscribed :—

(On the South side.)

Here's Intered ye Body
of Mr JOSEPH USBORNE
Minister of ye GOSPEL
who departed this LIFE
December ye 28—1714
Aged 85 years.

(On the North side.)

Also ye Body of His Dearly
loving WIFE Mrs GRACE
USBORNE who departed
this LIFE February ye 16th
1712 in the 81st year of
Her Age.

It seems probable that Usborne selected Staplehurst as his place of retirement, because in Daniel Poyntell, the Rector, he found a kindred spirit, both being ejected from their Benefices by the Bartholomew Act of 1662.

Major Usborne, the present possessor of "Loddenden," Staplehurst, states that Joseph was third son of Thomas Usborne, of Loddenden, further that he "appears as family arbitrator," and that his small branch died out.

Benenden [V]. *Mr Joseph Usborne.*

One Austin being turned out of this living for insufficiency, the people got Mr Osborn to preach among them for half a year, during which time he had an invitation to a place in Sussex.

The people of Benenden having notice of it, met together, and united in an earnest request to Mr Osborn to continue with them. As the income was but small, they readily entered into a subscription to increase it to £60.

The Patron of the living being abroad with K. Charles, it fell into the hands of a Committee in London to provide for the place.

When the Protector took upon him to place and displace Ministers Mr Osborn was tried by a Committee, when he brought a certificate from the people, and another from the neighbouring Ministers as to his abilities and behaviour. He obtained the Protector's order for the living, and the Vicarage house being gone to decay, the Committee agreed to repair it.

At the Restoration in 1660, when all the Ministers whom Oliver put in, were to be immediately turned out, — Hendon, Esq., the patron who came over with K. Charles, finding Mr Osborn greatly beloved by the people, and knowing the living to be but small, would not present any one in his room. His brother also (afterwards Sir John Hendon) desired him to continue there, and, if he possibly could, to conform.

But he told him, that faith and a good conscience would stand him in more stead than a hundred livings, and he quitted this Vicarage in 1662.

Mr. Buck, the Dean of Rochester, promised him a better living than Benenden, provided he would conform. To which he answered, that if he could have conformed at all, it should have been at Benenden rather than for any other place whatever. His integrity was the more remarkable, as he had six children when he was silenced, and his wife was not got up from lying in of the last of them

After his ejectment, he lived for sometime at Staplehurst, and then went to Heathfield, Sussex, where he had four children more, and there he continued for several years. He afterwards preached nine years at Brightelmstone (Brighton). About 1681, he was sued for £20, a month, on account of his Nonconformity. Upon this

he came to London, and preached some time at Peckham. He afterwards went to Ashford, and from thence to Tenterden, where he continued about nine years.

He spent about nine years more at Bersted, near Maidstone, where he concluded his ministry, by reason of his infirmities, and then returned to Staplehurst, where he finished his course, Dec. 28, 1714, aged 85.

(Ministers ejected or silenced in Kent. The continuation of the Nonconformists' Memorial, by Edmund Calamy. III. p. 537. Pub. 1727. Also Register and Chronicle, by Bp. White Kennett, p. 286, pub. 1728.)

First Fruits :—Josephus Usborne, Feb. 1658.

(See also Brief Hist. of Staplehurst Independent Church, 1662—1888, by Rev. Thos. Thatcher, pub. 1888, p. 11.)

PRESENTATION BY OLIVER CROMWELL, BENENDEN.

Know all men by these presents that the 20th day of July 1658 There was exhibited to the Comrs for approbabacon of publique preachers a Presentacon of *Joseph Usborne* Clerke to the Vicarage of Benenden, in the Countie of Kent, made to him by his Highnesse Oliver Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England &c. the Patron thereof under the greate seale of England Together wth a Testimony &c In Witnesse &c.

Dated at Whitehall the 20th day of August 1658 Jo. Nye, Regr.

(Augmentations of Livings &c 1647—58, at Lambeth Library. Vol. 968. f. 127.)

Joseph Usborne, Clerke, admitted the 20th day of July 1658 to the Vicarage of Benenden in ye county of Kent upon a pres: exhibited the same day from his Highnes the Lord Protector under the great seal of England and Certificates from Rob: Gibson A Broughton. Tho: Monins, Rob. Mascall, Jo: Player, Jo. Durand, Dan. Poyntell, Edw. Bright, Jos. Whiston.

(Augmentations Vol. 999. f. 71.)

Feb 4. 1657. BENENDEN. Ordered that the yearly sume of fforty poundes bee graunted to and for increase of maintennce to the ministr' of Benenden in the county of Kent, and that the same bee from time to time paid unto such godly and painfull preachers of the Gospell as shall bee setled min^rs there, and approued by the Com^rs for approbacon of publique preachers To hold for such time as they shall continue min^rs there or further ord^r which wee humbly certifie to his Highness the Lord protector and the Councell.

Edw. Cressett. Ra. Hall. Jo: Pocock. R: Sydenham. Ri. Yong.
(Augmentations, Vol. 1004. f. 85.)

January. 14. 1658. Ordered that the possess^rs of the tithes of Benenden in ye County of Kent parcell of the possions of the late Archbpp of Canterbury the Lease whereof is for diverse yeares last past expired doe account wth these Trustees on the 10 day of ffebruary next for the mesne profitts of the said Rectory incurred since the expiracon of the last Lease thereof when the Trustees doe appoint to treate wth him if hee will for a further estate in the prmisses.

(Vol. 980. f. 377.)

Febr. 10. 1658. Ordered, y^t ye possessor of ye tithes of Benenden in the County of Kent parcell of ye possions of ye late ArchBp of Canterbury, the lease whereof is for diverse yeares last past expired doe account with theise Trustees on ye 9th day of March next for ye mesne pfits of ye sd Tithes incurred since ye expiracon of the last lease thereof, when the Trustees doe appoint to treat with him, if he will, for a further Estate in ye prmises.

(Same Vol. Augmentations 980. f. 510.)

NICHOLAS MONYMAN was presented to Benenden Vicarage by Sir John Henden, Knight, and instituted by the Archbishop in September, 1662. He was previously Master of Cranbrook Grammar School.

The records there contain this note. "1658 Nov. 22 Nicholas Monyman of Appledore," that being all

that is said respecting his appointment as master; and from the Parish Books it appears he was present at a Vestry Meeting in 1661.

Then again the School records have this entry:—1663 April 6 Rev. John Cooper Vicar of Cranbrook. Cooper had been Vicar only five months before he had the Mastership of the School. He held both appointments for some time. Monyman held the Mastership until Cooper was appointed, and therefore did duty at Benenden for five months before he left Cranbrook.

This Vicar was buried at Benenden, as appears by the Parish Register:—

"*Jan.* 22d 1700. *Nicholas Monyman, late Vicar.*"

4 Die Mensis Septembris A.D. 1662 Institutio Mag. *Nicholai Monyman* clerici ad V. Pt. Ecc. Poch de Benenden Cant Diæc jam legitime vacant ad presentat dni *Johis Henden* militis veri &c. *Juxon.* 135. b. p. 91.

(Liber Institutionum 1660—1702. f. 30. Nicus Monyman 4 Sep. 1662.)

JOHN SAUNDERS, LL.B., took his degree from S. John's College, Oxford, Nov. 4, 1697, and was by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of that University presented to this Vicarage, his institution taking place in July, 1700. He died April 5, 1724, aged 50, and was buried in Benenden Church, where a Monument formerly existed bearing his Coat of Arms.

The Parish Register thus records his burial:—

1724. April 10. *The Rev. John Saunders Vicar.*

18 Die Mensis Julii A.D. 1700 Institutio Mag *Johis Saunders* Juris Civilis Baccalaurei ad V Ecc Poch de Benenden Cant Diæc P Mortem ultimi Incumbent ibid vacant ad quam per Cancellarium

Magistros & Scholares Universitatis Oxon ipsius Vicar veros & indubitatos Pleno Jure patronos presentat existit.

Tenison I. 206. a. p. 84.

(Liber Institutionum. p. 31:—Johes Saunders. 18 July 1700 Universitas Oxon.)

JOHN FETHERSTONE, B.A., was instituted to Benenden in April, 1724, having been presented thereto by Sir John Norris, Knight. He was appointed Vicar of Leysdown July 18, 1732, and also on the same day Rector of Warden, both of which he resigned upon his induction into the Vicarage of Bethersden April 6, 1734. He died in 1747.

(Archæologia Cant. xvi. 92.)

21 Die Mensis April A.D. 1724 Institutio Mag. *Johis Ffetherstone* Cleric A.B. ad V. Pt. Ecc. Poch de Benenden Cant Diæc P Mort *Johis Saunders* cleric ultimi Incumbent ibid vacant ad presentat dni Johis Norris Militis veri. *Wake.* 331. b.

(First Fruits p. 36. Johes Fetherston. 21 Ap. 1724. Johes Norris mil.)

THOMAS HUDSON, was instituted in August, 1732, the patronage of the Church of Benenden being then in the hands of Sir John Norris, Knight.

11 Die Mensis August A.D. 1732 Institutio Mag. *Tho. Hudson* cleric ad V. Pt Ecc Poch de Benenden Cant Diæc P cessionem *Johis Fetherstone* ult Incumbent ibid vacant ad presentat Johis Norris equitis veri. *Wake* II. 267. b. p. 91. (Gent. Mag. 1732. p. 929.)

JOHN PRINCE, B.A. On the Twenty-first day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred Thirty nine in the presence of Robert Rous Notary Publick *John Prince* Clerk Batchelor of Arts

was instituted by the right Worshipful George Paul Doctor of Laws Vicar General of the most Reverend ffather in God John by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury primate of all England and Metropolitan, into the Vicarage of the parish Church of Benenden in the County of Kent, and Diocese of Canterbury, vacant by the cession of the last Incumbent to which he was presented by Sir John Norris Knight the true and undoubted patron thereof, he having first subscribed the several articles and declaration and declared and taken the oaths by Law required, and the same day a Mandate was issued for inducting the said John Prince, directed to the Archdeacon of Canterbury or his official. *Potter* 271.

(First Fruits :—John Prince 21 May 1739. Sir John Norris. Bart.)

He died August 1741. (Hasted)

Benjamin Slocock, D.D., was of Pembroke College, Oxford, on May 3, 1712, he obtained the degree of B.A., his M.A. July 6, 1715, B. and D.D. June 23. 1735. (Oxford Graduates. 608.) Dr Slocock was collated to the Vicarage of Benenden in 1741. It had lapsed to the Archbishop, Sir John Norris not having presented in due Time. (Gent. Mag. 1741. pp. 554, 609.)

On the 28th October 1741 his Grace the Abp of Cantby Conferred on *Benjamin Slocock* Doctor in Divinity the Vicarage of the Parish Church of Benenden, Kent, vacant by the death of *John Prince* the last Incumbent thereof, and belonging to the donation or Collation of his Grace by lapse of Time for this Turn he having first subscribed. *Potter*. 276. a.

John Williams, S.C.L., was presented to this Vicarage in the room of Dr Slocock who resigned. A

dispensation was given in 1761 to hold the Rectory of Ripple. His successor to the latter was appointed in 1764. (Gent. Mag. 1744. 282.)

Williams resigned Benenden in 1761.

On 20th April 1744 in the presence of Robert Rous Notary Publick *John Williams*, Clerk, Student in the Civil Law was instituted by the Rt Worshipfull George Paul, Doctor of Laws, Vicar General of the Most Rev. Father in God John Abp of Canterbury & into the Vicarage of the parish Church of Benenden in Kent, vacant by the resignation of *Benjamin Slocock* D.D. the last Vicar to which he was presented by Sir John Norris Knt of Benenden the true and undoubted patron. *Potter*. 288. b.

JOSEPH DUNN, M.A., took his degree from Magdalene College, Cambridge, of which he was a Fellow, B.A. 1759. M.A. 1762. He was presented to Benenden Vicarage in 1761 by Dame Elizabeth Norris, and died November 23. 1798.

On 4 December 1761 *Joseph Dunn*, B.A. was instituted into the Vicarage of Benenden, Kent, void by the cession of *John Williams*, Clerk, the last Vicar, to which he was presented by Dame Elizabeth Norris of Hempsted, the true patroness. *Secker*. 302. b.

PHILLIPS MONYPENNY, M.A., graduated from S. Peter's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1783, M.A. 1786, and in 1799 obtained a dispensation to hold Benenden with Hadlow Vicarage. (Gent Mag. 1799. 540.)

He married at Lambeth Palace Chapel December 13th 1803, Charlotte, (born 28 April, 1772,) second daughter of Sir Edward Dering, of Surrenden-Dering, the sixth Baronet, by his second wife Deborah, only daughter of John Winchester, of Nethersole, Kent. She died in 1836. (Gent. Mag.) Phillips Monypenny resigned the Vicarage of Benenden in 1803, and was

Vicar of Hadlow upwards of forty years. He died at Hadlow house January 4, 1841, in the 79th year of his age, and was buried with his wife in Rolvenden Church, where there is a tablet to their memory, on the East Wall of the North Chancel, with the arms of Monypenny quartering those of Dering.

ROLVENDEN CHURCH.

Underneath
are deposited the remains of
CHARLOTTE wife of the
Reverend PHILLIPS MONYPENNY. A.M.
of Maytham-Hall in this parish,
and vicar of Hadlow in this county:
second daughter of Sir Edward Dering,
of Surrenden-Dering in this county, the sixth
Baronet by his second wife DEBORAH
daughter of John Winchester
of Nethersole in this County, Esq:
Died xii November MDCCCXXXVI
Aged LXIV years
Underneath
are also deposited the remains of
the above named PHILLIPS MONYPENNY
who died January the IV MDCCCXLI
Aged LXXVIII Years.

(On a Black Slate Tablet.)

M.S.
Carolettæ Monypenny
uxoris delectissimæ
hoc posuit monimentum (sic)
conjux mœstissimus

Arms.—Vert a dolphin, urinant, (or in pale,) tail erect, or.

Crest.—Neptune bestriding a dolphin, naiant, in waves of the sea, holding with his dexter hand the reins, and in the sinister his trident, all ppr.; over it the motto Temperat Æquor.

Quarterings.—1. CATHCART, az. three cross-crosslets, fitchée, issuing out of as many crescents, ar.

2. BLACKWELL, paly of six, ar. and az. on a chief gu, a lion, passant, guardant, or, all within a bordure ermine.

[For Genealogy of Monypenny, see "Pedigrees of Kent," by William Berry, page 313, pub. 1830.

For Genealogical Memoranda relating to the Family of Dering, of Surrenden-Dering, in Pluckley, Kent, by same author, F. H. see "Archæologia Cantiana," x. 327.]

On 24 Jan. 1799 in the presence of William Moore Notary Publick, *Phillips Moneypenny* Clerk was instituted to the parish church of Benenden, Kent, vacant by the death of *Joseph Dunn* the last incumbent to which he was presented by Thomas Hallett Hodges of Hempstead place, asserting himself to be the true and undoubted patron thereof. *Moore.* 555.

HENRY HODGES, B.A.

On 12 October 1803 *Henry Hodges* Clerk Bachelor of Arts was instituted to the Vicarage and Parish Church of Benenden, Kent, void by the *resignation* of *Phillips Monypenny* Clerk, the last incumbent to which he was presented by Thomas Law Hodges of Hemstead, the true and undoubted patron. *Potter.* 574.

HENRY HODGES, M.A.

On 14 Sep. 1804 Henry Hodges, Clerk, Master of Arts was instituted to the Vicarage and Parish Church of Benenden, void by the *cession* of *Henry Hodges*, Clerk, the last incumbent there, to which he was

presented by Thomas Law Hodges of Hemstead, Kent. *Potter*. 578.

DANIEL BOYS, M.A., graduated from S. John's College, Cambridge, taking the degree of B.A. in 1799, and that of M.A. in 1810. His patrons were Charles Cartwright and others, who in 1805 appointed him Vicar of Benenden, which he held for more than half a century. He was enabled also by dispensation granted in 1809, to hold the Vicarage of Brookland. (Ecclesiastical Annual Register. III. 398. pub. 1810.)

He married November 9. 1807, at Benenden Church, Miss Sarah Rider Richardson, youngest daughter of the late William Rider Esq. of Bermondsey, Surrey. (Gent. Mag. LXXVII. p. 1074.)

By this marriage he had twelve children, whose names are given on his Monument in the Churchyard. He died September 11, 1857, aged 80 years. (Gent. Mag. 1857. p. 465.) and was buried here.

PARISH REGISTER.

1857. *Sept.* 17. *Daniel Boys. Benenden.* 80. *Ceremony performed by Philip Ward, Vicar of Tenterden.*

On the 29 November 1805, *Daniel Boys*, B.A., was instituted to the Vicarage and parish Church of Benenden, Kent, vacant by the cession of the Rev. *Henry Hodges*, Clerk, the last Incumbent, to which he was presented by Charles Cartwright, heretofore of Narnham, co. Notts, but now of White Waltham co. Berks, the Rev. John Law D.D. Archdeacon of Rochester, Rev. John Disney, late of Chelsea, now of Hyde near Ingatestone, D.D., & C. Lamb asserting themselves to be the true patrons. *Sutton*. II. 5.

WILLIAM JOHN EDGE, M.A., was a scholar of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and it is a somewhat

remarkable fact that he was the fifth, and his son W. H. F. Edge, the present Vicar of Tilford, Surrey, the sixth, member of his family, in successive generations, who were educated at that College.

He took the degree of B.A. (Senior Optime) in 1834, and that of M.A. in 1837, being ordained Deacon June 5, 1836, by the Bishop of Gloucester, at S. Margaret's, Westminster, on letters Dimissory from the Bishop of London (Church of England Magazine, I., Ecclesiastical Intelligence, I., 1836), and Priest by the Bishop of London May 21, the following year. He served as Curate of S. Nicholas, Colchester, from 1836 to 1838.

When Priest Mr. Edge was presented by his father to the Rectory of Waldringfield, a small parish in the Deanery of Colneis, in the County of Suffolk, and shortly afterwards when Bishop Stanley, of Norwich, revived the Office of Rural Deans in that Diocese, he was appointed Rural Dean, and held the Office till he removed from the Diocese in 1848. In this year he was appointed Perpetual Curate of Hartshill, Warwickshire, and in 1851 took sole charge of S. John's, Cheltenham. After this was Rector of S. Aldate, Gloucester, 1854 to 1858, when he was appointed Vicar of Benenden by the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, M.P., the present Lord Cranbrook.

Soon after Mr. Edge came into Residence at Benenden a Farmer (at whose house, a mile and a half distant from the Church, a Wesleyan Service was held on Sunday Evenings) happened to tell him that the local Preacher who conducted it was on the point of removal, and that the people were greatly perplexed by the difficulty of finding a Successor. Mr. Edge replied that *he knew of one who might possibly suit them*, that, in fact, it was none other than himself, who was sent into the Parish

for the express purpose of teaching its inhabitants; and that he was quite ready to carry on the Service as hitherto, with extempore prayers if the people wished it, though he should himself rather use the Litany, and that he would have no objection to Wesley's Hymns, on condition that the selection of them was always left to him The farmer, himself a Wesleyan, jumped at the offer, and said that the poor people would be very grateful; that—as to the Prayers—they all had great love for the Litany, "and, Sir," he added, "bring *Your own Hymn Book!*" His wife, also a Wesleyan, begged leave to introduce an Harmonium, which she would gladly play. The immediate result was, that the Old service was not interrupted, but continued without any break or intermission for some four or five years, until a new Tenant came into residence, by which time not a few of the congregation had become regular attendants at Church, and some of them, including the Wesleyan Farmer, Communicants.

In the Summer of 1865 an incident occurred to which Mr. Edge always referred with peculiar pleasure. A French Clergyman, M. le Chanoine Chennailles, whom he had casually met the year before in Paris, and who had been very courteous to him, accepted an invitation to spend a few days with him at Benenden, in the company of a lay friend, who held an office in his Church, not unlike that of an English Churchwarden. He stipulated that he might wear his *Soutane, or Cassock*, "for," said he, "to speak frankly, I have no lay clothes to wear." I willingly assented, and when at my request the Tidal train was stopped for the travellers' convenience, there was a great sensation at Staplehurst station, the general impression being that the Archbishop of Canterbury was the favored party. And when in a morning the good man used to walk round the Green, reading his Breviary, the few who met him invariably moved or touched their hats, perhaps taking him for the Archbishop or Chief Rabbi. Had he read *aloud*, perhaps some idea might have been conveyed to them, as in the Case of a former Vicar of Coggeshall, in Essex, who being in the habit of reading aloud in his garden, was set down as a lunatic by a neighbour, who could both see and hear him, till one Sunday morning, as he began to read his Sermon over, and in a sonorous voice uttered his Text, "I am not mad, most noble Festus," the neighbour ceased to regard him as crazy, and always said of him afterwards, "O no, he is not mad, but a very pleasant and *courteous old gentleman.*"

The Vicar's Parisian friend, who was made a Canon of Notre Dâme, soon after his return home, was so charmed by his reception that he invited him to Paris in 1866 and introduced him to many of his brother clergy, and above all to the good Archbishop Darboy, afterwards murdered by the Commune.

This excellent man, amongst other good things, said to Mr. Edge: "There are barriers between us that we did not erect, and which neither you nor I can demolish. But though we are debarred from visible union we can cultivate concord, or unity of hearts, we can love one another and pray for one another, and trust to God for the rest."

The Rev. W. J. Edge preached his last Sermon at Benenden, April 15, 1877, when he reminded his hearers that he had been their spiritual pastor more than nineteen years. During that period great changes had been wrought, the Parish Church almost rebuilt, by their Squire's munificence, and a Mission Room erected at East End, besides new schools (those near the Church as well as those at East End).

During the period of his Vicariate 889 persons had been baptized (715 by his own hand), 465 parishioners had been buried (331 by himself), and he had at the Parish Church and at East End preached about 1,600 sermons.

The Vicar closed his parting address with S. Paul's words, wherein he bade farewell to the elders of the Church of Ephesus, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

After holding Benenden nearly twenty years, he exchanged this Benefice with his successor for the Vicarage of Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, which he resigned in 1882.

PEDIGREE OF EDGE.

Richard Edge of Horton = Maude Bowyer

- Thomas
- Peter
- Richard
- John,
- Ralph.
- Christopher

William Edge (of Blackburn)

Peter Edge, Clk of Sub deanery (Chichester) Admitted at Brazen Nose Coll. Oxford 1666 B.A. 1670. M.A. 1673 = Catharine Fane, dr. of William Fane, D.D. Canon of Wells, and Rector of Huntspill Somerset Son of Francis the *first Earl* of Westmorland, *of the Fane family.*

Fane Edge Clk. *admitted as "Founder's-kin at Emmanuel College* Camb. Dec. 10. 1710. (he seems to have taken no degree). Rector of Stow Mane's Essex, and Curate of Lavenham, Suffolk, where he died. Novr. 1727 = Margaret Fiske, dr. of —Fiske, one of a Family, who for several generations were Rectors of Shimplingthorne, Suffolk. Married 26. April 1722. Died November 1754

Peter Edge Clk. M.A. *Emm. Coll.* admitted there 22 July, 1742 Rector of Drimholme & Prebendary of Raphoe, Ireland died 29 Decr. 1782 = Anne Truelove, dr. of Mr. Truelove, a Burgess & Banker, also a Bailiff (or Chief Magistrate of Ipswich) under old Corporation. Married 1746

- Fane In the Army & Killed
- John Clk M.A. *Emm. Coll.* Vicar of Rushmere
- William Capt. R.N.
- Andrew Attorney at Law.

Peter, Clk. LL.B. St. Mary-Hall, Oxford, Rector of Naughton Suffolk, and P.C. of St. Mary Elms, Ipswich died 1805 = Elizabeth Singleton dr. of Singleton, Burgess & "Alderman" (that is Chief Magistrate of Bury St. Edmund's), under Old Corporation, married Novr. 1780.

William Edge, Clk. born 1786 B.A. *Emm. Coll.* (admitted 1804) Rector of Naughton, Suffolk, 1811, also of Nedging, the adjoining Parish, 1822 died Decr. 1871 = Lydia Growse, dr. of John Growse, Surgeon & Apothecary of Bildeston, Suffolk, married Jan. 1812, died 1826

William John Edge Clk (& 4 other sons & 2. daughters. all dead). Born April 3, 1813. B.A. *Emm. Coll.* 1834, M.A. 1837 Curate of S. Nicholas, Colchester 1836—1838. Rector of Waldringfield, Suffolk 1838—48, and appointed Chaplain to the Earl of Westmoreland, Rural Dean of Colneis 1841—48. P. C. of Hartshill, Warwickshire 1848. In 1851, took sole charge of S. John's, Cheltenham. Rector of S. Aldate, Gloucester 1854—58. Select Preacher at the University of Cambridge, 1855. Vicar of Benenden, Kent, 1858—77; of Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, 1877—82. Now residing at Upper Tooting. = (1) Emma Mason, only child of the late Charles Mason, of Leamington. Married, 31 Jan., 1839, at Great Malvern. (Gent. Mag. 1839, 308.) Died 25 Nov., 1871.
(2) Elizabeth Jocelyn, da. of Wm. and Anne Jocelyn, formerly of Plymouth, mar. June 7, 1874, by whom he has a son Arthur Ernest, born March 7, 1876.

William Harold Fane Edge, Clk., born 12 July, 1852, B.A. *Emm. Coll.* 1874, M.A. 1877, Vicar of Tilford, Farnham, Surrey.

William John Edge was appointed select preacher at the University of Cambridge, 1855, and is the author of the following works :—

The Vision of Peace, or Thoughts in verse on the late secessions to Rome, 1847.

A Lecture on Infidelity, 1849.

A Letter to Lord Ashley on the alleged Romanistic Tendencies of the Younger Clergy, 1850.

An Essay towards Union, being a Treatise on Election & Final Perseverance, 1850. pp. 33.

Plain Remarks on Infant Baptism, Confirmation, and the three Orders of the Christian Ministry with answers to objections to the Burial Service, 1850.

The Second Adam, a Course of Lectures designed to illustrate the Divinity of our Lord, and the Union of the Divine and Human Natures in his Sacred Person, 1853.

Two Sermons, preached at Chipping Campden, on Christianity and the groundlessness of Romish Claims, April 15. 22. 1855, pp. 36.

The Bodily worship of the Glorified, Sermon preached at Chiddingstone Church, Kent, May 2, 1867, on the opening of the New Organ.

A Sermon preached at Benenden Feb. 24, 1867, on the death of Thomas Neve, of that Parish, pp. 14.

A Sermon preached at Croydon at a General Ordination for the Diocese of Canterbury, March 18, 1870, entitled "The Christian Ministry a twofold service of Obedience and Charity," printed at the request of Archbishop Tait.

Also various other Sermons printed at the request of the Hearers.

Thoughts on the Care of God for his Creatures, 1878, pp. 15.

Edward David Cree, graduated from Oriel College, Oxford, receiving his B.A. in 1849, and M.A. in 1852. Was ordained Deacon in 1850, and Priest 1851, Dur. He held the Curacy of Newburn,

Northumberland, 1850 to 1852, and Tutorship of S. Peter's College, Radley, 1852—1855. After holding the Vicarage of Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, from 1855 to 1877, he exchanged the same for the Vicarage of Benenden. He was appointed Commissary for the Bishop of Kaffraria in 1882. Mr. Cree resigned Benenden in 1887, having been Vicar ten years, during which period he greatly improved the Glebe House by adding a New Front. He now resides at Eastbourne.

The incumbency of this Vicar was marked by the re-fronting of the Vicarage at the cost to himself of £1,000; and the addition of a chancel to East End Chapel by Lord Cranbrook, also the erection of S. George's Club, and the well, close to the Manor House, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, likewise generously provided by the noble Lord.

Mr. Cree married in 1855 Augusta, daughter of Rev. C. E. Plater, Vicar of Newchurch (Gent. Mag. xliv. 641); and in 1866, Isabel Laura, daughter of John Taylor, Esq., Architect. By the latter he has had Norah Lilian (deceased), Herbert Edward, Ernest Wilford, Mary Gwendoline, Edgar Hayley, and Effie Edgington.

As Author and Editor, the Works of the Rev. E. D. Cree are :—

Dr. Tye's Motetts for Four Voices.

Church Psalm Tunes, exclusively from Ancient Sources.

The Threshold of the Sanctuary, a Devotional Manual for Candidates for Holy Orders.

The Universal Plein Chant Psalter.

Late Editor of Mission Life.

True Portrait of the Primitive Church.

Samuel Joy, M.A. took the degree of B.A. from Worcester College, Oxford, in 1856, when he was awarded by the Examiners a double Honorary Class in the Schools of Classics and Mathematics, and advanced to the degree of M.A. in 1859, was ordained Deacon in 1857, and Priest 1858. His first Clerical appointment was to the Curacy, Precentorship, and Lectureship of Leeds, under Dr. Hook, which he held from 1857 to 1859, when he was appointed Perpetual Curate of Bramley, Yorkshire, which living he resigned in consequence of ill health in 1866. In 1872 he accepted the Vicarage of Long Lane, Derbyshire, until 1875, when the Precentorship of Ripon Cathedral together with the Vicarage of Ripon were offered to him. This semi-Cathedral, semi-parochial appointment he held until 1884, when he accepted the less laborious charge of the Vicarage of Birstwith, Yorkshire, and was at the same time collated to an Honorary Canonry in Ripon Cathedral. Canon Joy only held the Vicarage of Birstwith for two years, when he was preferred by Viscount Cranbrook, to the Vicarage of Benenden, where he now resides.

The Arms borne by the Vicar are :—

Joy. az. a chev. arg. between 3 fleur de lis in chief, and a demi lion ramp. in base, of the last.

Crest : a hand holding an arrow point downwards.

Motto : Manus justa nardus.

The family of his wife :—

Robins : Per pale sa. and ar. two flaunches, and three fleur de lis, all counterchanged.

Crest : Between two dolphins haurient, respecting each other, or. a fleur de lis per pale, ar. and sa.

Motto : Esse quam videri.

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CURATES.

1563. Maurice Pennyall.

1569. George Grayne, a married man.

1851—58. William Wheeler Thornton, Trin. Coll. Ox. B.A. 1844 M.A. 1848. C. of Benenden, 1851—58; R. of Horne, Surrey, 1867—77.

1860—62. Andrew Augustus Wild Drew, Trin. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1859, M.A. 1863. C. of Benenden, 1860—62; Vic. of S. Antholin's, Nunhead, 1865.

1862—1864. George Hollis Clay, Clare Coll. Cam. B.A 1860, M.A. 1864. Benenden, 1862—64; Vicar of Leinthall-Starkes, Dio. Heref. 1872, afterwards Rector of Aston, Ludlow.

1865—1868. Hugh Wilson Bateman, Trin. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1864; Curate of Benenden, 1865—68; Vic. of Whitstable, 1868—7, where he established S. Peter's Mission Church, with Schools, and built the Vicarage (Account of All Saints' Church, Whitstable, by Sibert Saunders, p. 39. Pub. 1876), afterwards in 1871, Vic. of S. John the Evang., Lambeth. Died c. 1875.

1868—1875. Francis Haslewood, A.K.C: F.S.A., younger son of the late Rev. F. F. Haslewood, Rector of Smarden. Deac. 1863, Pr. 1864. Formerly C. of S. Peter, ad Vincula, Tower, 1863—64; S. Mary, Bryanston Sq. 1864—66; S. Luke, Marylebone, 1866—68; Benenden, 1868—75, when appointed Rector of S. Matthew's, Ipswich. For Genealogy see "Memorials of Smarden," Kent, 65, &c., by same Author.

1875—1877. Richard Addison, Deacon 1856, Priest 1858. Formerly Curate of King William's Town, South Africa, 1856—58; Chap. at Pernambuco, 1865—74; Benenden, 1875—77.

Now at Madeira.

1878. John Jestin Dreaper, T.C.D: B.A. 1859. C. of Benenden, 1878; C. of Easby, 1886.

1879. Frank Clifford Fox, Late Lucy Scholar of Hertf. Coll. Ox.; B.A. (2nd cl. Theol. Sch.) 1877; Jun. Gr. Test. Pri. 1878; M.A. 1880. Deacon 1877, Priest 1878, Ox. Formerly Curate of Wigginton, Oxon., 1877—79.

Present Curate appointed 1879.

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JAMES DE BENYNDENNE *v.* THE PRIOR OF COMBWELL. Re PARSON TO THE CHURCH.

Kent. James de Benyndenne by his attorney offered himself on the fourth day against the Prior of Cumbewell of a plea that he do permit him to present a fit parson to the church of Benyndenne which is void [and] belongs to his gift, &c. And he came not. And it was ordered to the Sheriff that he should summon him &c. And the Sheriff has done nothing therein but sent that he had ordered the bailiffs of the Archbishop of Canterbury who have done nothing therein. Therefore it is ordered to the Sheriff that he omit not on account of the aforesaid liberty but that he summon him that he may be here in 8 days of Saint Martin &c. And also that he have the bodies of the bailiffs here at the aforesaid term &c. And whereof &c.

De Banco Roll Nº 10 Mich. 3 Edw. 2 (A.D. 1309) Ro. 48 dorso.

Kanc. Jacobus de Benydenne p attorñ suū op se iiij die v̊sus Priorem de Cumbwell de plito qd pmittat ip̃m psentare idoneam psonam ad eccliam de Benyndenne que vacat [et] ad suam spectat donacoem̄ t̃c̃ Et ip̃e nō veñ Et p̊ceptū fuit vic̃ qd sum̃ eū t̃c̃ Et vic̃ nich inde fecit set mand qd p̊cepat ballis libtat̃ Archiep̃i Cantuar̃ qui nich inde fec̊unt lō p̊ceptu est vic̃ qd nō omittat ppt̊ p̊dc̃am libtatē quin sum̃ eū qd sit hic in Octabis sc̃i Martini t̃c̃ Et eciam qd ħeat corpa ballīor hic ad p̊fatū t̊minū t̃c̃ Et unde t̃c̃.

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LICENCE FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF BENYNDEN.

Henry &c to the venerable brother our Lord John by the grace of God bishop of Symrna greeting and brotherly love in the Lord to dedicate or consecrate the parish church of Benyngden of our diocese newly constructed and churchyard of the same also three altars in the same and to consecrate and bless four bells there.

Given at Slindon 20 April 1418.

LICENCIA AD DEDICAND ECCIAM DE BENYNDEN.

Henricus &c Venerabili fratri nro domino Johanni dei gra Sorronen epo salutem et fraternam in domino caritatem Ad dedicand siue consecrand ecciam proch de Benyngden nre dioc de nouo constructam ac cimiteriu eiusdem necnon tria altaria in eadem et quatuor campanas ibm consecrand et benedicend.

Dat at Slyndon 20 April 1418.

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LICENCE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE SAID CHURCH.

By the tenor of these presents we Henry &c that on the part of the Rector & parishioners of the parish church of Benynden of our diocese it appears intimated to us that the feast of the dedication of the said church of Benenden on the feast of S. Mathias—namely the 24 day of the month of February was accustomed to be celebrated that however the said Rector & parishioners cannot observe the feast without great inconvenience to themselves on that account they have prayed us that the feast of the dedication of this church aforesaid be celebrated and observed on the Monday next before the feast of the translation of S. Thomas, namely the fourth day of the month of July upon which they could flock together more abundantly to the same church to worship and honor God and offer up praises and prayers year by year for ever we decree therefore being favourably inclined to the prayers and intentions of the said Rector and parishioners that their proposed prayer suggested itself for the honor of God and the increase of divine worship we ordain and appoint the feast of the dedication of the aforesaid church to be celebrated on the Monday next before the feast of the translation of S. Thomas aforesaid, namely the fourth day of the month of July yearly for ever and that the Rector and parishioners whosoever present and to come of the aforesaid church be summoned for the observance and celebration of this feast on the day of dedication aforesaid.

Given in my manor of Slindon 1 June, 1418, in the fifth year &c.

LIA AD AMMOUEND FESTU DEDICACOIS DCE ECCIE.

Tenore presentium nos Henricus &c qd ex parte Rectoris & prochianor eccie proch de Benynden noe dioc nobis extitit intimatum qd festum dedicationis dce eccie de Benynden in festo sancti Mathei viz xxiiij die mens ffebruarij celebrari consueuit quod quidem festum dicti Rector & prochiani absq magno ipsorum incomodo obseruare non possint, nobis ppterea supplicauunt ut festum dedicacionis hujusmodi eccie p'dict die lune pximo ante festum tuslacione sancti Thome viz quarto die mens July in quo ad eandam ecciam vberius confluere poterunt deum q laudibs tollere & preconijs singulis annis imppm celebrand & obseruand ordinauemus nos igit' ipsorum Rectoris & prochianor supplicacio--nibs fauorabilit inclinati ac intendentib qd ipor supplicanem ppositu ad honorem dei & diuini cultus augmentu se extendit ordinamus & decernimus festum dedicationis p'dicte eccie die lune px ante festum tuslacionis sancti Thome p'dict viz quarto die mens July singulis annis imppm fore celebrandum ac Rectorem & prochianos quoscumq p'dicte eccie presentes & futuros ad obsuacionem & celebracionen festi hujusmodi dedicacoie in die pdco fore eū oportud saluo iure cuiuscumq canonice compellendos In cuis rei &c.

Dat in manerio meo de Slyndon primo die mens Junij Anno Dni Millmo cccxviij Et nr tuo ano qnto.

(Lambeth Library Chicheley, II. 332. a.

Canterbury Cathedral Library, Reg. Eccl Xpi Cant. G. 227.)

This Winters Wonders:

or,

A True Relation of a Calamitous Accident at *Bennenden*, in the County of *Kent;* how the Church and several houses were Destroyed by Thunder and Lightning, on the 29th. of *December* last, being Sabbath day.

With a perfect Account of many considerable Damages in Several Counties in *England:* (As *Woster-shire*, *Gloster-shire*, *York-shire*, *New-Castle*, the Fenns in *Lincoln-shire*, *Cambridge-shire*, and *Suffolk*,) have sustained by Great Floods and Inundations of VVaters; and carrying away of Houses, Bridges, and Cattle.

Printed in the Year, 1673.

THIS

Winters Wonders:

or,

A true Account of Several Remarkable Accidents in *England*, especially in the County of *Kent*, *Woster-shire*, *Gloster-shire*, and *Yorkshire*, &c. The latter end of last December, 1672.

THE Soveraigne Authority of all Created Glory, having its Production from the being of all beings, may well Silence Mankind, and prohibit their Inspections, to any Natural Causes of those his Providential Dispensations, and therefore ought to conclude, as all are born in sin, so none should murmur at God's Corrections for Sin.

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Whatsoever Weapons or Instruments God Almighty is pleased to make use of to make his people sensible of their Miscarriages, they should more humble then discourage us.

The Anger and Fury of *Jehovah* is compared to fire, in Scripture; which no person can be so ignorant, but to know the Nature of it.

God hath a Speaking Voyce in all his Judgments to those who Escape, as well as to those who smart under them; Sometimes Unvailed in Sheets of Fire, and sometimes Revealed in the most signal Voyce of Thunder. Indeed God's Judgements will never be removed from us, as the Effects, till our Sins are dislodged, as the Cause.

The 29th. day of *December* last, being Sabbath day, about eleven of the Clock at Night, in the Parish of *Bennenden*, a pretty considerable Town, in the Wild of *Kent*, appeared on the East Side of the Town a very great Light, to the Amazement of all the Inhabitants. It being in Winter they little dreamt of Lightning, but after a little Observation of the Elements, they were convinced that it was nothing else but Lightning; but that so terrible, the Flashes so long, that the Beholders were afraid not onely their Houses, but themselves should be consumed by it.

This Lightning was seconded with a hideous and distracted Thunder, which occasioned many of the Inhabitants to hide themselves, fearing the Houses should drop into a heap of Flame and Ruines: Others feared the Almighty was Rending the Heavens, and coming down amongst them to Judgement; such Formidable Thunder-Claps, say the old Inhabitants, have not been heard in the age of Man.

Those Messengers of the Lords Anger, had not been long executing his Will and Pleasure; not many Volleys of

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of the Great Ordnance of Heaven had been discharged, but the poor Inhabitants might see their parish Church (that place, where on the same day they had been taking Counsel at Gods Oracles) in a Flame, and all the Town in danger also to be burnt with Flames, or overthrown with Thunder. Those who were but a few hours before serving God Almighty there, wished themselves farthest from it, which makes me break out in these Melancholly Poems.

Alas! what Observations! Ah! how strange
Amazement flows from such an uncouth change:
Ambitious Meteor, could thy flaming hand,
Find ne'r a Subject but the Holy Land.
Thou Sacrilegious Ruine, to attempt
The House of God; was not Heavens House exempt
From thy Severities? Ah me! Behold
Sion *whose Pavements of refulgent Gold*
So lately did reflect, so bright, so pure,
How dim, how drowsie, now (Ah) how obscure
Her sacred Stones, lye scattered in the Street,
For stumbling blocks before the Peoples feet.

The Devouring Flames and Impetuous Thunder found no great resistance from this stony Pile. The Steeple which was one of the highest in that part of *Kent*, what with the Fiery Flashes and Mighty Thunder-Claps was quickly forced to resign it self to that earth, it was first fixed; so the Fabrick and Frame began to incorporate with its own foundations.

The very Walls of the Church were demolished, that it is onely now a Ruinous heap; and whether the Lightning or the Thunder acted the greatest part in this Tragedy, is not easie to assert.

Three or four Adjacent Houses were subjected to those Con-

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Conquerors, to the utter Ruine of some of the Inhabitants. But in the midst of Judgement God Almighty remembers Mercy, in putting a Stop to those Mighty Champions, (Lightning and Thunder) and the affrighted Towns-men find a Calm after a Storm. Their Sences (which by the injurious violence and suddenness of their late Calamities) they were deprived of, now returned to them again, and they blessed God they were not all destroyed.

And as God's Judgements are sometimes manifested in the dreadful evidences of Fire, so are they as often discovered in the Ruinous Devastations by Water, gliding along in Inundations and Deluges, which many credible Letters which here cannot be inserted, from several emitent (sic) hands, do exhibit to us: Did I think it convenient I could offer them to publike, but because it's so well known to every intelligible person; it shall be here omitted, only give me leave to name some places which have severely smarted under these Waters. In *Woster-shire* several houses and bridges have been carried away with the Floods, to the discomodity, and loss of the Inhabitants. In *Gloster-shire* there hath been several houses and bridges swept away with this swelling Torrent. Several Bridges over *Severn* others of less concern In other places we here by Letters of Authertique Testimony, that the Vale of *Evisham* for the most part, lay under Water, to the infinite damages of the Inhabitants, several Sheep, and other Cattel being carried away with the Waters. The Isle of *Ely*, the Fens in *Suffolk*, *Norfolk*, *Cambridge-shire*, and *Lincoln Shire*, have tasted deeply of these injurious Damages, and Suffered much under these destructive impressions of this collected body of Waters, some thousand of Acres of good ground being covered above two yards deep in many places.

The like we hear by good hands from *Yorkshire*, the Bishoprick of *Durham* and *Newcastle*, in which last place

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place they have suffered more by Sea, then by Land; several Cattel being forced by the waters into the Sea. A Ship that was cast away in the Harbour, had a Plow found in the Deck, when the Tide was low: and *Newcastle* Key was under water at low Tide: Besides these Testimonies might be given from many others what important prejudices most of the low scituated places have sustained by the late great Floods: Which God of his mercy help us to prevent for the future, by a hearty humiliation for, and Conversion from our great Impieties For,

Tis the Almighty with his Soveraign hands
VVheels round the restless Orb, his power commands
The even poyz'd earth, the water-pots of Heaven,
He empties at his pleasure, and hath given
Appointed Lists to keep the VVater under,
The trembling skies he strikes amaz'd with thunder.
These, these Trophies of his power be,

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VVhere was there ever such a God as he?
Oh! the Divine, and high decrees of Heaven,
What mind can search into, no power is given
To mortal man, whereby he may attain
The rare discovery of so high a strain:
He weighs the water, ballances the Air,
VVhat e're hath being did his hands prepare.
He over-looks the world, and in one space
Of time, his eye is fixt on every place.
He wills that mortals be not overwise,
And judge his secrets with censorious eyes.

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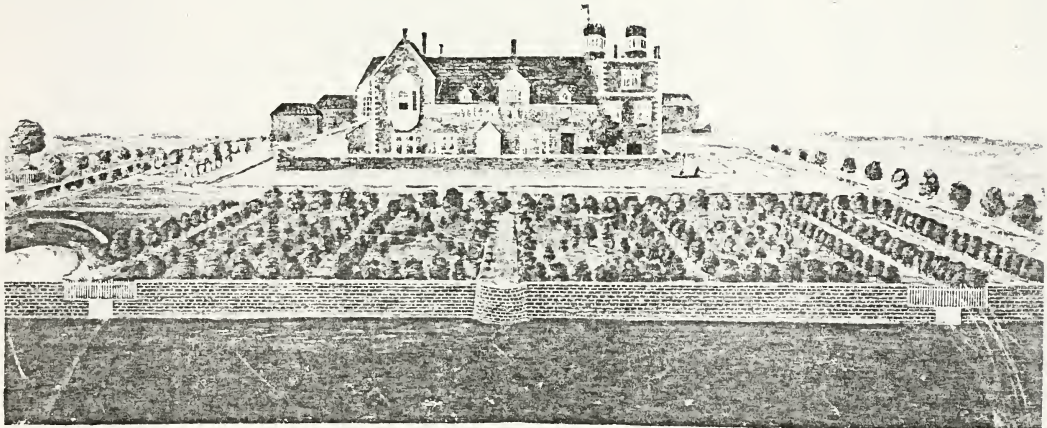

W. Griggs Chromo-lith. Peckham, S. E.

HEMSTED, KENT, IN THE TIME OF THE GULDEFORDS.

BENENDEN CHURCH AND STEEPLE.

CHISLET.

A losse by fire wch came by Thunder and lightning amounting to £3920 14s. 00d. Published a Briefe for ye Inhabitants of Benenden in ye County of Kent, Dated June 30th 1673, & Collected for ye same March 29, 1674, ye sum of seaven shillings.

(Parish Registers of Chislet, by Robert Hovenden. pub. 1887. p. 113.)

CHARING BRIEF BOOK.

Benenden Church and Steeple.

Loss by fire £1552 and upwards.

This brief was read in ye Parish Church of Charing in ye county July 7, 1717 and collected then ye sum of 2 shillings and ten pence 2s. 10d.

1674. A Brief was read in *Patricksbourne* Church "for loss (£3920. 14.) by fireing the parish Church of Benenden, with several houses adjacent, in the county of Kent by lightning." Collected 2s. 2d.

1674. June 7. Collected yn on a breife (for a ffire wch. happened in ye Parish of Benenden in ye county of Kent, and burnt downe ye Church and other houses neere it) in ye Parish of *Smarden*, the sume of two shillings tenne pence halfpenny.

("Memorials of Smarden," by Rev. F. Haslewood. p. 238.)

Tract at British Museum.

8755. c. 18. Bennenden in Kent. This Winter's Wonders. 29th December. London. 1673. 4o.

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PERSONS OF NOTE.

GULDEFORD.

The earliest ascertained ancestor of this illustrious Family was Richard Guldeford, who was probably born about the year A.D. 1186; but the first who rendered the name distinguished was William de Guldeford, who lived in the reign of Richard II.

In 1388 this William (who obtained by a grant from the crown the manor of Hemsted on the attainder of Sir Robert Belknap) kept his shrievalty here. He married Joane, daughter and heiress of John de Halden, in whose right he became possessed of Lambin, otherwise Halden, in Rolvenden. He was grandfather of Sir John Guldeford, Comptroller of the Household to King Edward IV., and great grandfather of Sir Richard Guldeford, the Pilgrim who died at Jerusalem in 1508, and was buried on Mount Zion.

Now for the circumstance which connected this Family with one of the most prominent events in English History, and which might possibly have affected the succession to the throne.

Sir Edward Guldeford (Sir Richard's eldest son) was a J.P. and filled the high offices of Marshal of Calais, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Constable of Dover Castle, &c., married Eleanor, the daughter of Thomas Lord Delawarr, and had issue an only son Richard, who died in Spain childless. Their only other child Jane Guldeford was the wife of John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, whose ambitious political intrigues rendered him conspicuous, in regard to his son Lord Guldeford Dudley who married the unhappy Lady Jane Grey. Northumberland was executed in 1553, his son and daughter-in-law, sharing the same fate in the following year. Lady Jane had been the companion of the young King Edward VI. in his studies. She was beheaded in the Tower of London, being only seventeen years of age, the parting words addressed to her husband were of a pathetic character: "our separation will be but for a moment, we shall soon rejoin each other in a scene, where our affections will be for ever united, and where death, disappointment, and misfortune, can no longer disturb our felicity."

George Guldeford (the Pilgrim's second son) who kept his shrievalty at Hemsted in the 16th of Henry VIII. married Elizabeth, the daughter co-heir of Sir Robert Mortimer, by Isabella, daughter of John Howard, Duke of Norfolk.

Their son, Sir John Guldeford, allied himself anew with the family of Delawarr, and by his wife Barbara, daughter of Thomas Lord Delawarr, had three sons.

W. Griggs Photo-lith. Peckham, S.E.

HEMSTED, KENT, IN THE TIME OF THE GULDEFORDS.

Sir Thomas Guldeford, their heir, had the honour of entertaining Queen Elizabeth at his mansion of Hemsted. He had by Elizabeth, daughter of Michelgrove, Sir Henry Guldeford, who married Lady Elizabeth Somerset, daughter of Edward Earl of Worcester, and their son Edward married Catherine the daughter of the Hon. Thomas Petre, third son of the first Lord Petre. Edward their son married Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Throckmorton, of Coughton, in Warwickshire. He died in 1678 and was buried at Benenden as appears by the stone in the North Chancel. He was succeeded by Robert Guldeford, of Hemsted, who was created a Baronet in 1685 by James II.; but leaving no heir the baronetcy became extinct.

The above sketch has been chiefly derived from an account of the Family of Guldeford, by the Rev. Canon R. C. Jenkins (Archæologia Cantiana xiv. 1—17). For pedigree see same, also Brit. Mus. Add. 5711. f. 69. and the Pilgrimage of Sir Rich. Guylforde to the Holy Land in A.D. 1506, edited by Sir H. Ellis: Camden Society, pub. 1851.

Guldeford, of Hemsted. Created Bart. 4 Feb. 1685. Extinct.

Arms—Or, a saltier between four martlets sa. a canton of Granada for augmentation.

For a long Genealogy see Extinct Baronetage by John B. Burke, pub. 1844: also Collins English Baronetage. IV. 1. pub. 1741.

Sir Henry Guildeford, Kt. de Rolvenden, and Edward Guildeford, Esq. de eadem, are both included in the list of Recusants in Kent. Proceedings in Kent by L. B. Larking. p. 65. pub. 1862.

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MOORE.

The Family of More, or De la More, anciently seated at Ivychurch, removed to Benenden in the reign of Edward III. One of them erected a mansion called Moor-Court, which came at length into the possession of John Moore. The Manor house, formerly moated, still exists, considerable portions of the moat remain on the North East and West sides. The old Staplehurst road formerly passed through what is now the Park, and close to the old Manor

House. There are traces in the roof of the ancient Hall, and open Fireplace like that at Penshurst Place.

John Moore, of Benenden, married Margaret, the daughter and heir of John Brent, widow of John Dering, of Surenden.

Dering died 1550, and Mrs. Moor in 1560, both being buried at Pluckley.

BURIAL.

1560 *Margit Moor ye wife of Mr John Moore (formerly widow of John Dering of Surrenden) died* 1 *day of December.*

John Moore is said to have had six sons and one daughter. (Brit. Mus. Add. 5534.)

This John Dering was ancestor of the present Baronet, and also, in the female line, of the Author of this Volume.

(Genealogy of Dering, Archæologia Cantiana x. 327. 343, 345: also Berry's Kent Pedigrees, 399.)

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EDWARD LEEDS.

Edward Leeds, born at Benenden, proceeded B.A. 1542, and M.A. 1545. In 1550 he became Commissary and Vicar General to the Bishop of Ely, and was engaged in destroying altars in the deaneries of Cambridge, &c. He was Chancellor to Bishop Goodrich, and one of his executors. In the beginning of Q. Mary's reign he resigned his livings of Little Gransden and Newton, but retained other preferments. During Elizabeth's reign he obtained among other benefices Snailwell, in Cambridgeshire. In 1559 he occurs as Chaplain to Abp. Parker, by whom he was appointed one of the visitors of the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester. Leeds was instituted in 1573 to the rectory of Croxton, Cambridgeshire.

In the Chancel at Croxton is a stone with a small figure of him in brass, thus inscribed:—

Edwardus Leeds, LL.D., natus apud Benenden in Comitatu Cantii, dudum Magister Aulæ Clare in Academiâ Cantabrigiensi, et tam in eadem Aula, quam in Collegio Emanuelis Benefactor cum primis: Unus Magistrorum Cancellariæ, et Dominus Manerii de Croxton: obiit 17 die Feb. A.D. 1589; cujus Corpus hic jacet sepultum.

Dr. Leeds was a liberal Benefactor to Clare College, Cambridge, where he founded ten scholarships, and towards the building of Emmanuel College he contributed 1000 marks.

Arms: A. a fess G. betw. 3 eagles displayed S.

(Athenæ Cantabrigienses, by C. H. Cooper. Vol. II. p. 66, pub. 1861.)

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HENDEN.

It is a matter for regret that Berry in his brief pedigree of this Family does not mention one Simon Henden, who married Martha Curteis, da. of Wm. Curteis, Bailiff of Tenterden, 1591. (Berry's p. 66.) He was the author of a Tract now extremely rare :—

"The Key of Scripture Prophecies; or a Glass of some New Discoveries, being an answer to a Book published by John Elmestone." By Simon Henden, June 23.

London printed by Ja. Cottrel, for Giles Calvert, at the Black Spread Eagle at the West End of Paul's, 1652.

In the Epistle to the Reader, Simon Henden explains his work "to be a combate with a Presbyterian Minister."

A religious controversy whether a true Church, continued true by a line of succession from the Primitive time downward to our times," &c., pp. 94.

British Museum. E. $\frac{668}{11}$ Henden (Simon) The Key of Scripture Prophecies. London, 1652. 4o.

In a catalogue by John Camden Hotten, p. 103. No. 2212 :—

Bennenden Fanatics in 1652. An Essay for the Discovery and Discouraging of the New sprung schism raised and maintained by Mr. Simon Henden, of Bennenden in Kent, exhibited in some Passages of Writing which have gone between Mr. John Elmeston, of Cranbrooke, and M. Henden, 4to. 1652.

Then is added "curious for the History of Sects and the strange fanatick that have arisen amongst her People."

[Mr. Tarbutt says, Mr. John Elmeston was a clever man, and a master of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Cranbrook.]

A Censure of that Reverend and Learned man of God Mr. John Cotton, Lately of New England, upon the way of Mr. Henden of Bennenden in Kent, expressed in some Animadversions of his upon a Letter of Mr. Henden's, sometimes sent to Mr. Elmeston.

London, printed by J. G. for John Stafford, at the signe of the George neer Fleet Bridge. 1656. pp. 56.

Brit. Mus. E. $\frac{885}{12}$ Henden (Simon) A Censure of J. Cotton of Boston, U.S. upon the way of Mr. H. expressed in some animadversions of his upon a letter of Mr. H's, sometimes sent to Mr. Elmeston. 1656. 4°

Sir Edward Henden Knt One of the Barons of the Exchequer desired to be buried in the chancel of Biddenden Church. As to lands not before conveyed under his hand & seal he wills same to his cosin Sir John Henden Knt and his (son?) Edward Henden Esqr whom he makes exors of his will.

Prov. Consistory Court Canterbury 1 Decb 1662. Vol. 53. 417.

Sir John Henden Knt. of *Biddenden*, succeeded to the estates of his uncle Sir Edward Henden in 1662. (Arch. Cant. xvii. 387.) He served the office of Sheriff during the 17th century.

Pedigree of Henden, Berry's Kent Genealogies, p. 436.

Hasted says the Hendens were clothiers of great repute.

John Henden is mentioned as a Magistrate at Biddenden in 1681, in a summons taken out against Elizabeth Scott, of Cranbrook, for Witchcraft. (Furley. ii. 664.)

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

122. 9. Anne. (1710) For the sale of several Lands and Hereditaments of *William Henden, Esq.* in the Co. of *Kent* (at *Biddenden* and *Bennenden*), for the payment of his Debts, and for settling other Lands in same county of a better value, to the same uses. Private Act.

232. 8 & 9. Geo. iii. c. 49. (1768—9) For repairing and widening the Roads* from *Golford Green* in *Cranbrooke* to *Sand-*

* As illustrating the infamous condition of the roads a little more than a century and a half ago, it is said Sir John Norris was conveyed to church in a vehicle drawn by six oxen one before the other. An iron road, leading from Woodchurch to Hemsted, was discovered in 1871 while the Royal Engineers were engaged on the Ordnance Survey. It was formed of slag and half-run ironstone, doubtless formed in connexion with the iron works which at one period flourished in the Weald. (Furley. ii. 583.)

hurst, and from *Bennenden Church* to the *Bull Inn* at *Rolvenden Cross*. 29 Geo. III. c. 84. 51 Geo. III. c. 81.—3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 28. (Bibliotheca Cantiana by John Russell Smith, pub. 1837. pp. 37, 47.)

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NORRIS.

The Right Honorable Sir John Norris, Knight, after upwards of fifty years service attained the rank of Admiral of the Fleet, and Vice-Admiral of England. His eulogistic epitaph is in no degree exaggerated. Few men fought so bravely for the honors he achieved. The highest confidence was reposed in him by the Government, both as a naval officer and a diplomatist. He was the descendant of an Irish family, and took to the sea in very early life, and was appointed captain of the *Pelican* fireship in 1690, on account of his meritorious behaviour, as a lieutenant, at the battle of Beachy Head. In 1693 he commanded the *Sheerness*, of 28 guns, afterwards the *Carlisle*, in which he sailed to the Mediterranean. For his distinguished services in capturing two French men-of-war he was recommended to be captain of the *Content*, which carried over sixty guns when taken, and was afterwards mounted with seventy when employed in the English service. With this vessel he captured one of the finest French frigates called the *Foudroyant*, with thirty-two guns.

In 1696 Captain Norris was sent to attempt the recovery of the British settlements in Hudson's Bay, which had been captured by the enemy.

After the accession of Queen Anne our hero was made commander of the *Oxford*, of seventy guns, one of the ships employed in the Cadiz expedition.

Captain Norris unhappily possessed a natural warmth of temper, and in a dispute with Captain Ley, he was imprudent enough to draw his sword upon him, on the quarter deck of the *Royal Sovereign*, the very ship Mr. Ley, at that time, commanded, as first captain to Sir G. Rooke. For this act of military insubordination, he was immediately put under arrest by the

admiral, but through the kind interference of the Duke of Ormond, this unfortunate circumstance was passed over. Captain Norris was appointed joint-admiral of the Fleet sent to the Mediterranean in support of the cause of the arch-duke Charles, and his pretensions to the crown of Spain. For his gallantry at Fort Montjuic he was recommended to Queen Anne, and having been sent home with the news of the surrender of Barcelona, he had the honor of Knighthood bestowed on him, accompanied by a present of a thousand guineas. He was promoted to be rear-admiral of the blue in 1706, and shortly afterwards rear-admiral of the white, and vice-admiral of the red.

Early in the spring of 1709 Sir John Norris was appointed to command a squadron despatched to the Baltic, and in 1715 suppressed the Swedish privateers who had disturbed the British commerce. Two years later he was employed in a civil capacity, as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Czar of Muscovy.

Norris sailed with a strong squadron in 1735 to protect the Portuguese against the Spaniards. When the French meditated an invasion of Great Britain in 1744, and twenty-three ships of war were equipped for that purpose, Sir John Norris was given the command of twenty-nine ships to oppose the foe. The French armament entered the Channel and anchored off Dungeness, but upon the appearance of the British Fleet rounding the Foreland, the enemy retreated. This was the last time Sir John Norris ever put to sea. Age and infirmities rendered retirement necessary, but he had not long the happiness of enjoying it, as he died and was buried June 22, 1749, at the age of fourscore years.

None have had a nobler and juster claim to public gratitude than this brave and able commander. For sixty years he was exposed to difficulties of no common order, and so frequently encountered such severe storms that he was nick-named *foul-weather-jack*, by which appellation he was commonly known. Whilst commander-in-chief in the Baltic, he carefully studied the navigation of that sea, which, till his time, was much feared, as being little understood.

(*Biographia Navalis*, by John Charnock, published 1795.

Vol. II. pp. 341—362: "History of England," by David Hume, pub. 1825. Vols. x. 294, 378. xi. 38, 94, 123.)

Sir John Norris was knighted at S. James' 25 Nov. 1705, (Le Neve 491.) married Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew Lord Aylmer, by whom he had John Norris, who succeeded him at Hemsted, Matthew Norris, Richard Norris, Harry Norris, also Lucy who was married October 1726, to Gerald Aylmer, and Charlotte who married Ambrose.

Richard Norris, son of Sir John Norris, was appointed captain of the *Gibraltar* in 1735, and afterwards of the *Essex*, of 70 guns. He distinguished himself in engagements with the Spaniards, but his conduct was subsequently censured, and to avoid an investigation of the circumstances he sought obscurity in Scotland. The date of his death is unknown. (*Biographia Navalis*, iv. 299.)

The following notes are selected from Wills and other Memoranda, in MS., relating to the Family of Norris, collected by

R. Garraway Rice, Esq.

Will of Sir John Norris of Hempstead in Benenden, Kent, Knt. "Whereas upon the marriage of my son John Norris with Mrs Judith Western I have by deed of settlement made (Jan. 10. 1728) over to him and his sons and their heirs male" farms in Kent and Sussex. To my said sons *John*, *Richard*, *Harry*, to my daughters *Sarah* and *Charlotte*, to the children of my daughter Lucy, that is to say Sir ffitzgerald Aylmer Bart, Lucy and Betty Aylmer being the children of my daughter Lucy by Sir G. Aylmer, Bart. her late husband. To "my sister Waldron"—to "my nieces Jane Bell and Elizabeth Dering"—to "my nephew John Bradshaw, son of my sister Bradshaw deceased"—to "Henry Lord Aylmer"—to "Matthew ffortescue, Esq. son to my sister ffortescue . . . to my *Wife* Dame *Elizabeth* . . . to my said wife and my said sons John and Harry whom I appoint my Executrix and Executors," they "to pay to my daughter Dame Lucy Aylmer who hath most undutifully and indiscreetly married a second husband, without my consent or knowledge, to the disgrace of her family" £10 to buy mourning, and to be in full of all pretensions to my estate, and to my son Richard having married without my consent £100, to buy him mourning, &c.—to my daughter *Sarah* Norris

at marriage—to my daughter *Charlotte* Norris at marriage—to the said Jane Waldron £50, to John Bradshaw £50, to William Bell £50, to Joseph Kirke £50, to Thomas Kemp £50, to John Ambrose £50. JNO. NORRIS.

I *Sir J. Norris*, do make this Codicil, to my wife Dame Elizabeth, and my sons John and Harry Norris upon Trust . . . my said daughter Charlotte is since married, and whereas by my said will I have given all my plate to my wife Dame Elizabeth Norris, and all my Furniture in my house in Berkley Row, now called Berkeley Square, London—to my said son *John* Norris . . . and after his decease to his son *John* Norris—

Will dated June 29, 1743, proved with two codicils 16 June, 1749, by John and Harry Norris Esquires the sons. Power reserved to Dame Elizabeth Norris, widow, and other Executrix.

(P.C.C. *Lisle* 193.)

WILL OF DAME ELIZABETH NORRIS, of Berkley Square, London, widow, I do direct that my Body shall be put into a Coffin covered with black cloth, without any other ornament, and to be carried in a hearse, attended with one coach and two servants therein to Benenden church, to be buried in the vault there, as near as can be to the remains of my late husband *Sir John Norris* —to my son *John* Norris Esq. the book of my childrens ages and deaths &c.—my son *Harry* Norris, my son *Richard* Norris (now living in Scotland) unto the children of my said son Richard Norris, if any—

"Since the death of my said late Husband Sir John Norris, I purchased the Manor of Benenden, Kent, and also a messuage" &c. my said son John Norris and his heirs—to my executrix "all the plate I have purchased since the death of my late husband Sir John Norris, and on which is engraved my arms as being a widow," my daughter Lady Elizabeth Aylmer, wife of Joseph ffisher, of St. James' Square, London, sole executrix. ELIZ. NORRIS.

Admon, with the will annexed, of Dame Elizabeth Norris, Widow, granted to John Norris, Esq., on of the deceased. Dame Lucy Aylmer by mistake in will called Lady Elizabeth Aylmer (wife of Robert ffisher Esq.) by mistake called Joseph, the only daughter of the deceased, sole executrix first renouncing. Admon of goods of

Dame Elizabeth Norris, late of S. George, Hanover Square, co. Middx., left unadministered by John Norris, the son, now also deceased, was granted to John Norris, Esq., one of the executors of the said John Norris, deceased.

Will dat. Feb. 12, 1762, Admon, with will, 29 Nov., 1763, and June 27, 1768. (P.C.C. Cæsar 524.)

Will of Harry Norris, Vice Admiral of H.M. Fleet (late of Chelsea,) I appoint my eldest *brother John* Norris, and the Hon. and Rev. John Aylmer, executors of my will and guardians of my beloved *daughter Ann Elizabeth Norris*,—all my lands in Benenden to my said brother John Norris, to my said daughter at 21 years—my late dear *wife Ann East deceased*—to be divided between my brothers and sisters John and Richard Norris, and Lady Lucy Aylmer, and Sarah Norris. H. Norris.

Will dat. 12 March, 1761. Prov. with a codicil 7 Aug., 1764, by John Norris, brother of the deceased. (P.C.C. *Simpson* 320.)

Harry Norris, youngest son of Admiral Sir John Norris, captain of the *Russel* in 1740, afterwards of the *Jersey*, carrying sixty guns. In 1746 he captured a large French privateer, and was one of the Commanders at the defeat of the French fleet off Cape Finisterre. He was made rear-admiral of the white in 1756, of the red in 1758, and vice-admiral of the White in 1759. He died June 13, 1764. (*Biographia Navalis*, v. 53.)

Will of John Norris, of Hempsted (late of S. Mary le bone, son of Sir John Norris) first I will to be buried in the vault of Benenden without escutcheons, or any ornaments, and whereas I have long had a complaint in my lungs, I desire my chest may be opened, as it may possibly afford some useful information to the Faculty.

Whereas by our marriage settlement dated 10th Jan. 1728, £8000 will become due to Elizabeth my beloved daughter for her portion—to my said daughter after her mother's decease £2000 &c. My wife, son, and daughter, joint executor, and executrixes. John Norris.

Will dat. 22 June, 1767, prov. 23 Nov., 1767, by Judith Norris, widow, relict, John Norris, son, and Elizabeth Norris, daughter of deceased. (P.C.C. *Legard* 423.)

1728—9. *Jan.* 13. *John Norris, Esqr., and Mrs Judith Western were married at St. Magnus.* (*Par. Register, Mitcham, co. Surrey.*)

Matthew Norris (son of Sir John Norris) Commander of H.M. Ship *Tartar*, and Commissioner of Plymouth, speedily to sail from New York to Great Britain, all my lands, goods in Europe and America, and all other my estate, to my *wife Euphemia*, my sole heir, and executrix. Mattw. Norris.

Will dated 15 Sep., 1738, proved 22 Jan., 1738—9 by Euphemia, relict. (P.C.C. *Henchman* 17.)

Matthew Norris was appointed captain of the *Lowestoffe* frigate in 1724, and commissioner of the Navy at Plymouth 1737, which he enjoyed only a year, dying at Bath December 15, 1738. (*Biographia Navalis*, iv. 136.)

John Norris, (grandson of Sir John, Knt.), according to Hasted procured an Act of Parliament to vest Hemsted, to sell same, which he did soon afterwards to Thomas Hallett Hodges.

He married at S. George's, Hanover Square, London, March 12, 1771, Catherine Lynch, of Sunning, co. Berks, youngest daughter of John Lynch, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, who had been first married to Henry Knight, Esq., from whom she was divorced. She was baptized at Canterbury Cathedral Jan. 25, 1740—1, and died in 1781.

"*At Chatou, near Paris, Mrs Norris, wife of John Norris, Esq., late of Hemsted, representative in two parliaments for Rye, in Sussex, and sister to Sir Wm. Lynch, K.B., late envoy extraordinary at the court of Turin.*" (Gent. Mag. 1781. 593.)

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Thomas Law Hodges, of Hemsted.

There is a good print of him "from a Portrait by Sir Geo. Hayter, painted at the expense of a number of his former constituents, and presented to Mr Hodges as a tribute of respect for his public services and private worth."

"He was M.P. for Kent from 1830 to 1832,—for West Kent from 1832 to 1841, and from 1847 to 1852."

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KITTY FISHER.

Our readers will naturally expect to find some mention of this celebrated lady. It has been thought she was of German descent since the name is found written Fischer. Though of humble origin she was a very pretty and fascinating woman, and being gay and coquettish caused great sensation in London Society. As an equestrian she was a frequent visitor to the Parks, and upon one occasion fell from her horse in the Green Park. Her portrait was painted by the first artists of the day, and has been exhibited at Burlington House.

Her life was made the subject of several satires. One of these at the time of her celebrity says :—

> "All that we can know of her
> Is this——she was a milliner.
> Her parentage so low and mean
> Is hardly to be trac'd, I ween ;
> Say, has she wit——or has she sense?
> No! nothing but impertinence." (*Kitty's Stream*, 1759.)

As showing her sensitiveness to public opinion, she complained against little scribblers in 1759, how she was abused in public papers, and exposed in print shops, thus hoping to prevent the publication of her memoirs. She was not Duchess of Bolton as stated by Hone (Every-day Book II. 474, pub. 1827), but in 1766 became the wife of John Norris, Esq., of Hemsted.

"1766. Nov. 9. *Miss Kitty Fisher to a gentleman of fortune.*" (*i.e.*, John Norris) [Gent. Mag. xxxvi. 550. *Ipswich Journal*, Nov. 22, 1766.]

Mrs. Norris was a good wife, and greatly beloved by the village poor. She used to accompany her husband in his rides over the estate and neighbourhood. She allowed no gate to be opened for her, but being mounted on a beautiful high-spirited blood mare, as black as jet, cleared them with ease and grace.

Mrs. Norris lived only four months after her marriage, being prematurely cut off by small pox. She died at Bath, and, according to her own desire, was dressed in her best ball dress, when placed in the coffin. She was buried in the Church by the side of her husband.

The Parish Register thus records her burial :—

"1767. Mar. 23. *Catherine Maria, wife of Jno. Norris, Junr. Esq.*"

Kitty was John Norris' second wife, and after her death he married forhis third a French actress.

John Norris was for twelve years M.P. for Rye.

(*Notes and Queries*, 3. VIII. 81, 155 : 3. X. 375 : 4. V. 319, 410.)

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EDWARD GOWER WENMAN, the celebrated cricketer, was born August 18, 1803, at Benenden, where he died in 1879. (Page 105.) He was a fine man six feet in height. His business was that of a wheelwright. His first appearance at Lord's was in 1828, in the match between the Marylebone club and Kent, and he subsequently played in the great cricket matches of the day. Wenman excelled chiefly as a batsman and wicket-keeper. His most brilliant play was seen in 1836, when he took part in the Kent and Sussex match ; in the North and South ; in the Kent and England match and the Marylebone and Sussex. His name appears on the list of players in the Grand Jubilee match, to commemorate the 50th year of the Marylebone club, between the North and South, played at Lord's ground, Marylebone, July 10, 1837. In 1843, Wenman played ten matches, and made a total of 333 runs during the season. The following year he scored 151 in eight matches. The match for his benefit, August 17th, 18th, 1843, was liberally patronised.

The contest which caused great excitement in the cricketing world at the time, and was regarded as an event unprecedented, was that at Wittersham, on September 4 and 5, 1834, when Mr. E. G. Wenman and Mr. Richard Mills, likewise of Benenden, were backed to play against eleven chosen players of the Isle of Oxney, at double wicket, for £20.

So great was the interest, that upwards of 2,000 spectators were assembled to witness this singular contest. Such was the confidence of many present that the Benenden two players were backed to a considerable amount, and many heavy sums changed hands on the occasion. The chances against the two enterprising players were great—the two being against the eleven in every point of the game, they having none to field, and their opponents

being all in the field; moreover when one was out, both were out, thus in reality each had but one innings. At the termination of this novel contest Wenman scored 83 runs, and Mills 115. The Isle of Oxney got only 132, thus the two celebrated Benenden cricketers were easily victorious by 66 runs.

(Sketches of Players. Denison, 1846.)

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Viscount Cranbrook, the Lord President of the Council, and owner of Hemsted, received his present title May 4, 1878, for his eminent services as a politician. Having been educated at Shrewsbury and Oxford, he was admitted a barrister-at-law and bencher of the Inner Temple, and thus acquired that training which proved of inestimable service to him, both as a country gentleman and as a Statesman. He took his seat in the House for the small, and now semi-disfranchised, borough of Leominster, early in 1856, and those who were best acquainted with him predicted that he would soon make his mark. This prediction was gradually fulfilled. On the formation of Lord Derby's second Ministry, in the spring of 1858, Lord Cranbrook, then Mr. Hardy, was made Under Secretary of State at the Home Office.

Upon the Dissolution of Parliament in 1865, Mr. Gathorne-Hardy successfully contested the University of Oxford against Mr. Gladstone, and was soon elected President of the Poor Law Board, and in 1868 became Home Secretary. The responsibilities of office were at that time somewhat grave, for the Fenians were in a state of veiled rebellion, as was manifested by the explosion at Clerkenwell. In 1874 Mr. Hardy was appointed Secretary of State for War, and for India in 1878.

Viscount Cranbrook was born October 1st, 1814, and having married Jane, daughter of James Orr, Esq., of Hollywood House, county Down, March 29th, 1838, they celebrated their golden wedding with fitting dignity and festivity, at Hemsted Park, on Wednesday, April 4, 1888.

On the Saturday previous a deputation from Cranbrook, consisting of the Rev. A. H. Harrison, vicar, Mr. W. T. Neve, Dr. H. B. Wood, and Mr. T. S. Stokes, waited upon his Lordship with a congratulatory address signed by upwards of 250 inhabitants of the town, and couched in the following terms:—

"We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the town and parish of Cranbrook, from which, to our great satisfaction, your Lordship was pleased to take your title, desire to offer to your Lordship and Lady Cranbrook our heartiest congratulations upon your having been permitted, through the good providence of God, to reach that period in your married life which entitles you to celebrate your 'Golden Wedding.' Though differing to some extent in our religious and political opinions, yet we all, Churchmen and Nonconformists, Liberals and Conservatives, unite, with the greatest possible pleasure in testifying to the very high esteem and respect in which your Lordship and Lady Cranbrook are held by all in this neighbourhood, and we doubt not by the county at large. The high position which your Lordship has held for so many years in the counsels of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, is a matter of sincere gratification to us, and we trust that not only you yourself may long be spared to continue in that sphere of usefulness, for which, by your many good and great qualities, you are so eminently fitted, but also that you may long be supported and helped by that wifely encouragement, wisdom, and love, which have at all times, and in all places, been afforded you by Lady Cranbrook. Our fervent hope and prayer is that your Lordship, Lady Cranbrook, and all your family, may receive henceforth a full measure of the blessings of this life, and eternal happiness in the life to come." The address was presented by the Vicar, and his Lordship suitably replied.

The public celebration was held on Wednesday, April 4th. This commenced with a thanksgiving service at S. George's Church at one o'clock. This was attended not only by the people of Benenden, but by large crowds who flocked from the neighbouring parishes. The volunteers of the F Company, 2nd Battalion, E.K.R., marched in front of the carriage containing Lady Cranbrook and the other ladies, up the road by the side of the Green, Lord Cranbrook and other members of the family following on foot. When the lych gate was reached, and the ladies had alighted, Lady Cranbrook took her husband's arm, and followed by the family the noble pair prepared to enter the church.

On entering the sacred edifice they were met by the Rev.

Canon Joy, Rev. F. C. Fox, the Curate, and Churchwardens, Messrs. R. Neve and T. Weston, who presented them with prayer and hymn-books bound in white vellum and embellished with their monogram in gold, as part of the tenants' recognition of the auspicious event.

After service was ended the procession marched to Hemsted, where the cottagers assembled in a tent, and the tenants inside the mansion, where a banquet had been prepared, at which Lord Cranbrook presided, supported by Lady Cranbrook, Hon. J. S. Gathorne-Hardy, M.P., Mrs. Hardy and family, Col. C. Gathorne-Hardy and Lady Cecily Hardy and family, the Hon. A. E. Gathorne-Hardy, M.P., Mrs. Hardy and family, the Hon. Miss Gathorne-Hardy, the Hon. Miss Mary Katherine Hardy, the Hon. Miss Margaret Evelyn Hardy, Miss Gathorne-Hardy, Mr. Graham. Among the tenants and guests were, Rev. Canon Joy and Mrs. Joy, Rev. F. C. Fox, Mr. R. and Miss Neve, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lansdell, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Hague, Mr. and Miss Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Merricks, Mr. and Mrs. James Dungey, Mr. T. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. J. Judge, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thirkell, Mr. and Mr. I. Offen, &c.

At the conclusion of the meal, Lord Cranbrook in thanking his guests for coming to take part in what was to himself and family a very interesting celebration, proposed the toast of "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family." As Her Majesty's servant, it was natural he should wish to do every honor to her name, and besides this, she had been pleased to take notice of that day and present him with a bust of herself, which he hoped would long remain in his family, as a token of her gracious interest. His Lordship then referred to the fact that the Queen had lately celebrated her Jubilee, and the Prince and Princess of Wales their silver wedding. He hoped they would live to see the golden one.

Mr. Richard Neve proposed the toast of the day, the health of Lord and Lady Cranbrook. He remarked that they heartily rejoiced with him in his Jubilee, and hoped his sons would have similar celebrations. Lord Cranbrook purchased that estate in August, 1857, and it was with considerable anxiety that they in the neighbourhood, and the tenantry had awaited the result of the sale. His (Mr. Neve's) father returned home at midnight with the

news that Mr. Gathorne-Hardy had bought it, and said he had been congratulated on that fact, as he was a most able and good man. This they had found to be most true. He had not been residing at Hemsted long before they heard that he wished to restore the church. Before the year 1857 it had high square pews, a red pulpit, a red sounding board, and a gallery, but it was now one of the most beautiful churches in the county. Lord Cranbrook had also built the school in the village, and also East End Church, with schools attached; besides this he had erected a village club, and provided the Queen's Well.

Mr. Neve then presented his lordship with a Family Bible subscribed for by the tenants, and bearing inside it the following address:—"To the Right Honourable Viscount Cranbrook, G.C.S.I., Lord President of the Council, and Lady Cranbrook. We, the tenantry of Hemsted Estate, beg to be allowed to offer to your Lordship and Lady Cranbrook our sincere congratulations on your Golden Wedding. Many years of residence, and many acts of kindness have endeared both yourselves and every member of your family to us, and it is with deep thankfulness to Almighty God that we place on record this our sense of the great blessing your presence amongst us has been. That it may please God long to spare your valued lives, and to crown them with His richest blessings is the earnest prayer of your grateful, attached, and loyal tenantry."

Lord Cranbrook, in acknowledging this gift, and the books they found on their arrival at the church, which they understood they wished them to use as a perpetual memorial of their kindness and goodwill. After thirty years' residence in that new purchase of which Mr. Neve had spoken, they had fixed their hearts there, and had found it a most happy home, and he trusted they would end their days there. Fifty years of married life was a long time to look back upon, and few had the privilege to do so.

The presents received upon the occasion were numerous, that from the Queen, accompanied by an autograph letter, was sent down by a special messenger, and consisted of a bust of Her Majesty in white marble on a coloured marble pedestal, with the inscription, "Presented to Viscount Cranbrook by Victoria R and I., in remembrance of March 29th, 1888,"

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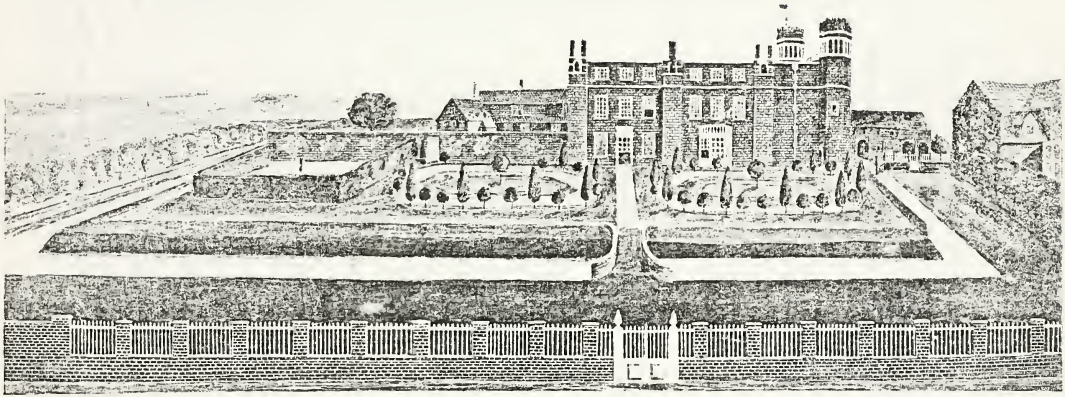

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HEMSTED, KENT, IN THE TIME OF THE GULDEFORDS.

HEMSTED.

Hemsted, in the reign of Henry III. was possessed by Robert de Hemsted, who had adopted his surname from it. In the 7th year of Edward III., it was held by James de Echyngham, of Echingham, in Sussex, and in the reign of Richard II., was granted to William de Guldeford. In his descendants it continued for several centuries.

Queen Elizabeth visited Hemsted August 10, 1573, remaining here three days as the guest of Sir Thomas Guldeford, Knight.

The great maiden Queen planted a walnut tree near the Elm avenue, on the mound upon which she alighted: it fell in 1857. (Lord Cranbrook's Lecture, p. 6.)

From a study of her Progress it appears the Queen started from her Palace July 14, 1573, to Archbishop Parker at Croydon, where she remained seven days, after which she went a Progress into Kent, and was again entertained by the same prelate at Canterbury. From Croydon July 21, the Queen proceeded to Orpington, the House of Sir Perceval Hart, Knt., where she remained three days, when she went to Knolle, then her own, thence to Birlingham, or Berling, the seat of the Lords Bergavenny where she remained three days, afterwards to Sir Thomas Gresham, of Mayfield, and then to Eridge, another house of Lord Burgavenny, where she stayed six days. Then onwards to Bedgbury, Mr. Culpepper's, for one day. Thence to *Hempsted, Mr. Guilford's*, for three days, thence to Rye, where the Queen remained three days, and conferred the honor of Knighthood on *Thomas Guilford*, Thomas Walsingham, and Alexander Culpepper, Esquires. She proceeded onward to Sissinghurst, Mr. Baker's, whom she Knighted and stayed there three days. After this to Boughton Malherb, the seat of the Wottons, where she was two days, thence to Mr. Tufton's at Hothfield, where she was two days, and some of her courtiers were entertained at Surrenden, the mansion of the Derings. From Hothfield to Westenhanger, the Keeper whereof was Lord Buckhurst, and remained there four days. After leaving Westenhanger on August 25 she proceeded to Dover.

From Hemsted (where Queen Elizabeth was August 10, 1573), Lord Burghley wrote to the Earl of Shrewsbury, giving an account of their journey hitherto: "That the Queen had a hard beginning of her Progress in the Wild of Kent; and, namely, in some parts of Sussex; where surely were more dangerous rocks and valleys, and much worse ground, than was in the Peak. That they were bending to Rye; and so afterwards to Dover, where, as he added, they should have amends."

From the Court at Mr. Guildford's house.

Queen Elizabeth received presents of plate from Mr. Tufton, Sir John Baker, Mr. Culpepper, *Mr. Guildford*, and the Townsmen of Cranbrook.

(Progress of Queen Elizabeth by John Nichols. I. pp. 332, 334, pub. 1823).

The last of the family of Guldeford who possessed this estate sold the same in 1718 to Admiral Sir John Norris, whose grandson, John Norris, sold it again in 1780 to Thomas Hallett Hodges, who was High Sheriff of Kent in 1786. He was succeeded by his son Thomas Law Hodges, Esq., J.P. for Kent and Sussex, and Deputy Lieutenant for the former. During the Irish Rebellion of 1798—9, Mr. Hodges served in the West Kent regiment of Militia, in which he became a Major. For many years he was Chairman of the Bench of Quarter Sessions at Maidstone.

(Vis. of Seats by J. B. Burke, p. 141. pub. 1852).

Hasted writing in 1798 states that Hemsted "had been lately altered and modernized, and the moat round it filled up; the two wings having been pulled down, the right one, which seems to have been the gate-house to the more ancient mansion, was of the time of Queen Elizabeth; among the rubbish of it was found a silver coin of that reign, anno 1575. It was built of brick, and had two handsome octagon towers, of a grand and stately appearance; the left wing, by the remaining form of a large circular window, seemed to have been the domestic chapel of the mansion. The centre, remaining, is a sashed modern building."

A large tinted view of the mansion when possessed by Thomas Hallett Hodges is to be found among Illustrations of Kent at British Museum (Ad. MS. 32353. B).

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HEMPSTEAD PLACE IN KENT, THE SEAT OF THOMAS HALLETT HODGES, ESQ.

There is a print of Hemsted in the time of Thomas Law Hodges in Dearn's Weald of Kent (published in 1813, p. 16.)

The front elevation must have been a somewhat imposing structure, having its forty-seven windows with central door and porch. The mansion at this period differed but little in general form to what it was in the time of the Guldefords, minus the two wings, there being five windows on each side of the door, and eleven windows on the first and second floors.

The situation is commanding, and the estate surrounding it is well wooded.

At a place called the Merry Tree, in the Park, just outside the gardens of the old and present Mansion, the ground is reputed the highest in the Weald. Hence Furley (xv.) suggests that William Caxton, a native of the Weald, should be remembered by some memorial in the shape of a lofty pillar or tower in Kentish stone, erected on this spot, of sufficient height as to be visible from the South Eastern Railway.

A strong spring of water exists which is supposed to have supplied the ancient moat, but now feeds a sheet of water on the west side of the Park.

The Estate was purchased by Lord Cranbrook, then known as Mr. Gathorne Hardy, M.P. in 1857.

Of the old house of the Guldefords, the only remains were some oak wainscot panels, and small portions of stone work, found in the office buildings of the house demolished for the erection of the present Mansion.

The Hemsted of to-day was erected at the expense of Viscount Cranbrook. An engraving showing the North Front with Portico, window of staircase, &c., appears with a brief description in *The Builder* for 1862 (pp. 242, 259).

The new house is built in the prevailing style of the time of James I., from the designs, and under the superintendence, of Mr. David Brandon, Architect.

The external walls are constructed of red bricks, made upon the property, and Box Ground stone; and the internal walls are principally constructed of local sandstone, brought from a distance of about two miles. The columns and arches of the

arcade in the South Front are of Portland stone, and the pavement is laid with Portland stone and tiles, designed for the purpose and supplied by Messrs. Minton. The contract for the house was taken by Messrs. J. & C. l'Anson, who also erected the stables and farm buildings, as well as the gasworks. The engineering of the latter was executed by Messrs. Stevens and Son, of Southwark. The new approaches to the house, and the designs for the gardens, were carried out under the direction of Mr. W. B. Thomas.

The principal rooms face south and east, overlooking a terrace of 110 feet wide, from which there is a flight of steps descending into the Park. From the top of the tower may be seen the coast of France, and extended panoramic views of the surrounding counties of Surrey, Sussex, and Essex.

On the west side of the house are stables, coal stores, carpenters' sheds, game larders, &c. In the basement story are wine and beer cellars, and a furnace room with apparatus for warming the staircase, corridors, library, billiard room, saloon, &c. On the first floor is a boudoir, schoolroom, nurseries, &c.

Hemsted, owing to its noble proportions and picturesque situation, is a mansion grand enough for Royalty, and numerous eminent personages have been there entertained.

ILLUSTRIOUS VISITORS.

Among the visitors to modern Hemsted may be included many illustrious personages:—Primates and Princes, Prelates and Premiers, Ambassadors and Peers, Eminent Statesmen, and Cabinet Ministers, the captains of armies and the leaders of parties, politicians who have devoted their lives to the service of their country, and generals who have conducted successful campaigns.

Among the foregoing are included the names of Sumner, Longley, Tait, and Benson, Archbishops of Canterbury; the present King and Queen of Roumania, when Prince and Princess of that country. He planted a Deodara upon the occasion of his visit in the autumn of 1874, and the Duke of Connaught an oak on December 5, 1872. The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck,

likewise planted a tree at Hemsted, August 10, 1886, to commemorate her visit. The Bishops of Gloucester, Peterborough, and S. Albans; the Lords Beaconsfield (1873), Chelmsford, Cairns, and Salisbury, have all been entertained at Hemsted; also the Dukes of Marlborough and Rutland; Lords Carnarvon and Cross, the late Lord Stanhope, the Lords Stanley and Lytton, Sir M. H. Beach, and Sir Francis Doyle, the Right Honourable E. Stanhope, and Sir Stafford Northcote, afterwards created the Earl of Iddesleigh, and Sir Garnet Wolseley. Besides these a large number of noblemen and gentlemen have at various times been entertained at the stately mansion of Hemsted, by its hospitable Lord. And although Her Majesty has not in person honoured Benenden as Queen Elizabeth did when she stayed at the old Mansion, she has nevertheless been pleased to express her Royal favor towards the present noble Lord by sending him, and that by the hands of a special messenger, a bust of herself, together with an autograph letter, expressive of her congratulations to Lord and Lady Cranbrook upon the celebration of their Golden Wedding.

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POLITICAL.

By WILLIAM TARBUTT.

Few Parishes in Kent have had the privilege of possessing so much Political influence residing among them as Benenden; and we have no record that the parishioners have had any reason to complain that it has been used against their interests; hence Political discord has not very much divided the feelings of the inhabitants. The genuine loyalty of the people has never, as far as we know, had occasion to complain that their leaders have been unworthy of their support; they have been—and still are—men desirous of repairing the Constitution of their Country where needful, and not like those who would destroy it, in order to substitute some fancy scheme that would terminate only in ruin.

From the Poll Book of 1734 (that being the first Poll Book published in Kent) we find there were then 22 freeholders residing

in Benenden, and 3 living in other parishes. On this occasion there were four candidates, two Tories and two Whigs. The *Earl of Middlesex* (son of the Duke of Dorset) obtained 18 votes, while his Tory partner, *Sir George Oxenden*, only got 7. *Lord Viscount Vane*, of Fairlawn, the popular Whig candidate, had 13 votes; and his partner *Sir Edward Dering* 11. The Vicar of the parish voted for Middlesex and Vane, and the majority followed his example. Sir John Norris, of Hemsted, *did not vote.* Perhaps there is not now *one freeholder* in Benenden of the same name as in 1734; these are their names:—

Richard Grant	John Iggleden	Valentine Marlow
Samuel Watts	John Williams	Samuel Dunnings
Thomas Harvey	Jeremiah Dipley	William Nevershan
Daniel Weller	Augustus Taylor	Hodges Bryam
Richard Hodgkin	John Ward	James Parsons
Thomas Hudson (vicar)	Samuel Faulkner	John Norris, Sandhurst
John Munn	John Sharp	Edward Piercey, Staplehurst
William Weeks	Thomas Sharp	John Walter, Hawkhurst
		William Thatcher

This was a severe contest, which ended in the return to Parliament of the two Whigs, with *Sir Edward Dering* at the head of the poll. From 1734 to 1754 there were two general elections, but not contested;—one in 1741, and the other in 1747. It should be remembered that Lord Viscount Vane (grandson of Lord Harry Vane, beheaded in 1662) died of apoplexy four days after the election, brought on, as was supposed, through the excitement of the contest. Though it lasted only two days: viz., the 15th and 16th of May, the struggle was severe: *Sir Christopher Powell* was returned in the place of Lord Viscount Vane without opposition. In 1741 and 1747 *Sir Edward Dering* and *Sir Roger Twisden* represented the county.

At the General Election of 1754, it would appear the County was desirous of some change in their members. Sir Edward Dering had represented them for 20 years, and it may be inferred from being left very seriously at the bottom of the poll, he had latterly not pleased the electors. The opposing candidates were the *Honble Robert Fairfax* and the *Honble Lewis Watson.* It is quite clear Benenden had had enough of Dering, for the number of freeholders being now 30 (27 of whom resided in the parish),

Watson had a vote from everyone, Fairfax had 29, and Dering but *one*, and he (by name Bartholomew Thorp) lived at Goudhurst, who divided his vote between Watson and Dering. This contest was decided in two days: viz., 1st and 2nd of May.

From 1754 to 1790 there were five elections for the county, but no contest; thus for 36 years the electors were content with the two candidates who offered their services. Their names were *Fairfax* and *Knatchbull* in the year 1761: *Bridges* and *Sackville* in 1768: *Marsham* and *Knight* in 1774: *Marsham* and *Honywood* in 1780: *Marsham* and *Honywood* in 1784.

In 1790 a General Election was required. The pulse of the nation was then running very high, in consequence of the political fire which French Infidelity and French Democracy had kindled in Europe, setting the passions of mankind all in a blaze. Agents of French principles were very busy sowing their seeds in this country, but the worst grains of them were unfruitful. Many men, however, thought a lower standard of politics might safely be introduced into the Government of this country, and by it be the best means of preventing the spreading of the gross doctrines then established on the other side of the English Channel. *Filmer Honywood, Esq.*, was one of those advocates, and hence very popular with the working classes. Sir Edward Knatchbull was for facing the storm boldly, and not yielding to the tyranny of the mob, and the unfeeling influence of infidelty, as the people of France had done. The candidates were *Sir Edward Knatchbull*, the *Hon. Charles Marshall* (who had been a member 16 years), and *Filmer Honywood, Esq.* Kent on this occasion showed a bold front for Conservative principles, by returning *Knatchbull* a long way at the head of the poll; Marshall, their old member, being left at the bottom. This election was contested three days: viz., 28th, 29th, and 30th of June. Benenden stood very firm in the Conservative interest. Of 23 freeholders that voted, there were 19 votes recorded for Knatchbull and Marsham; Honywood only had five plumpers and one split vote.

There was a contested election in 1795, in which *Sir W. Geary, Bart.*, came forward, as a sort of middle man or moderator, between Knatchbull and Honywood.

Passing to July, 1802, we have the electors in battle array again, and a severe contest was fought out for nine days, between *Sir Edward Knatchbull, Sir William Geary,* and *Filmer Honywood, Esq.* It had been a trying time—about nine years war—and everything, in the way of provisions, consequently dear; the working classes and tradesmen had prayed for peace, and at this period the people were rejoicing that it had been obtained at Amiens. There were others who doubted if it would be stable while the French people, who had just made Buonaparte First Consul, were in such an unsettled state; and in a few months those who had no confidence about peace were proved to be right. However, the *Whig* candidate for Kent was returned at the head of the poll, and *Sir Edward Knatchbull* at the bottom. *Sir William Geary,* the other candidate, professed a middle line of politics between Honywood and Knatchbull, which rendered him at Benenden the most popular candidate. There were but 30 freeholders, and Sir William Geary had 26 votes recorded to him, seven only to Knatchbull, and 11 for Honywood. Thomas Law Hodges, Esq., of Hemsted, went the second day, and voted for Knatchbull and Geary. He was then quite a young man, and by this act he proved that he held the political view—that the Nation's honour must be preserved, but with a moderate policy.

In the month of November, 1806, there was another contested election. The war with Buonaparte was very hotly carried on in Spain against his Generals who were in occupation of that country, and there were great divisions with the English people about the policy of our armies being in that country. Very decided views were held by the electors; moderate men were at a discount, hence Sir William Geary found himself, soon after the contest began, very far in the shade, and so retired without waiting the result, *Honywood* and *Knatchbull* being returned.

In 1812 there was a new Parliament and Ministry. Honywood withdrew from the contest, and *Knatchbull* and *Geary* were returned unopposed.

In 1818 the county was again contested in June. The poll was kept open 15 days, the full time, although from the first day the election was virtually settled, *Sir William Geary* only

receiving 767 votes during the whole time, and *Knatchbull* and Honywood only obtaining half their usual support.

From 1818 to 1831 the county passed quietly without a contest. The expensive nature of the struggle in 1818 was ridiculous, and possibly rendered the next four elections quiet: viz., 1820 *Knatchbull* and *Honywood*: 1826 the same: again 1830 *Knatchbull* and *Thomas Law Hodges, Esq.*, of Hemsted, Benenden, his first return. In 1831, *Hodges* and *Thomas Rider, Esq.*, of Boughton Place, were the Members.

We have now arrived at the period of the passing of the first great Parliamentary Reform Bill. Kent was warm in the interest of this great measure, and Mr. Hodges having declared himself in 1830 an ardent supporter of this change in the law, became in 1831 perhaps the most popular politician in the county. He was not an advocate of extreme political changes, as some that were called Radicals. He was a warm supporter of Earl Grey's Administration, with Lord John Russell as the real Leader of the House of Commons. The Reform Bill having divided the county into two divisions, East and West Kent. For some eight years *Mr. Hodges* had the support of many of the leading men in West Kent. At the first contest in West Kent, December 19th, 1832, he was returned at the head of the poll, and his colleague, Mr. Rider, not far behind him. *Sir W. Geary* the Tory opponent, was more than 400 below Mr. Rider. By this first Reform Bill Benenden electors were increased from about 30 to nearly 70, and with the exception of three or four persons all the electors of Benenden voted for Hodges and Rider.

In January, 1835, West Kent was contested again. The Conservatives thought their cause had improved during the last three years, hence *Sir W. Geary* was put forward again in order to defeat, if possible, one of the Liberal candidates. The trial proved that Thomas Rider's interest had so far declined that after the first day's poll he retired, Sir W. Geary being returned at the head of the poll, having had forty more votes recorded to him the first day than in 1832 in both days. Though *Mr. Hodges* was successful his support was much weakened.

In August, 1837, there was another West Kent contest

when two Conservatives were brought forward, *Sir Edmund Filmer* being linked with *Sir W. Geary*, and though Sir Edmund Filmer did not succeed he was only 105 votes behind Mr. Hodges. In 1835 only three persons in Benenden voted for the Conservatives. In 1837 there were *six* persons who voted Conservative.

From 1837 to 1847 there were three elections, but no contest. In 1838 Sir W. Geary resigned, and *Sir Edmund Filmer* was returned in his stead. In 1841 another election without contest, *Sir E. Filmer* and *Lord Viscount Marsham* returned, but in 1845 Lord Marsham succeeded his father as Earl of Romney, hence a vacancy occurred in West Kent, and *Colonel Austen*, of Kippington, Sevenoaks, was elected without opposition.

In August, 1847, West Kent was contested again, and *Filmer* and *Hodges* returned. Col. Austen only 45 votes below Mr. Hodges.

At this election 13 persons in Benenden voted for the Conservatives, and 10 persons *did not vote*, Mr. Hodges' influence evidently declining.

In July, 1852, another contest, *Sir E. Filmer* and *William Masters Smith*, of Camer, Conservative candidates. *Mr. Hodges* did battle for the last time, but was sadly defeated, being 541 below Mr. Smith. The remarkable feature at this election with the Benenden voters was, that about 20 persons *did not vote*, and 11 persons voted Conservative.

In 1857 there were two contested elections in West Kent, the first on the 19th of February, in consequence of the death of Sir E. Filmer, and the second a General Election on the 6th of April. The first was between *Sir Walter B. Riddell, Bart.*, and *Charles Wykeham Martin, Esq.*, of Leeds Castle. *C. W. Martin* was returned by a majority of 408 votes, and as the General Election was only about seven weeks after, it was thought a second Liberal might be returned with Mr. Martin, as his majority was so large. Accordingly *James Whatman, Esq.*, of Vinters, was selected. *Mr. Masters Smith*, of Camer, fought the battle for the Conservatives, but lost it by about the same number of votes as Sir W. B. Riddell did seven weeks before. At both these elections Mr. Hodges was able to come in his carriage to the polling booth at Cranbrook and record his vote for the Liberal candidates.

From some cause there were *more* Liberal votes recorded from Benenden parish in 1857 than there were in 1852, when *Mr. Hodges* was the Liberal candidate.

In May, 1859, there was another contest, when two very young men were the Conservative candidates: viz., *Lord Viscount Holmesdale* (son of Earl Amherst), and *Sir Edmund Filmer*, son of the late baronet of that name. These two "*boys*," as they were termed by the Liberals, were selected to oppose the return of the two late members—Martin and Whatman. These "*boys*" won the battle after a severe fight: the numbers being 3,769 for Holmesdale; 3,684 for Filmer; 3,584 Martin; and 3,460 Whatman.

Note.—On the 14th of May, 1857, Thomas Law Hodges, Esq., died, only five weeks after he recorded his vote at Cranbrook. He was buried May 21st at Benenden in the family vault with befitting honour and respect. On the 28th of August, 1857, Hemsted estate was sold in London by public auction for £125.000 to Gathorne Hardy, Esq., M.P., now the Rt. Honble Viscount Cranbrook, and it was soon perceived he would be an influential supporter of the Conservative cause in Kent.

In July, 1865, West Kent was contested again for the last time as the *second division* of the county. On this occasion *William Hart Dyke, Esq.*, of Lullingstone, joined *Lord Viscount Holmesdale*, of Linton place, in the stead of Sir Edmund Filmer; and the Liberals had *William Angerstein, Esq.*, of Woodlands, and Sir John Lubbock, of High Elms Down. However, Holmesdale and Dyke were returned by about 200 majority.

In Benenden 27 persons voted Conservative, and only 14 Liberals, what a change political in the parish from what it had been, only five persons having a vote in Benenden, *did not vote!*

No Poll Book published since 1865. Many electoral changes have taken place since then; first the county, separated into three divisions, *East*, *Mid*, and *West Kent*, and with this change the Franchise extended to £12 rating. One contest took place on the basis of this election. Benenden is in Mid Kent. The two Conservative members for *West* Kent offered themselves for *Mid* Kent, they were opposed by men not connected with Kent, *Lord*

John Hervey and *Mr. F. S. Head.* This contest was in November, 1868, and ended in a victory for the Conservatives of about 400 majority. At this election, *W. H. Dyke* received three more votes than *Lord Holmesdale.* This was rather unexpected.

On Feb. 7th, 1874, the Ballot, or secret voting, having been made law, a fresh trial of strength was made, *Dyke* and *Holmesdale* for the Conservatives, and a Jew, *Sir L. L. Solomons,* of Broomhill, was brought forward by the Liberals. From the Ballot the Liberals calculated success, but were disappointed, for the Jew was left far behind, and even Lord Holmesdale though returned was considerably below his partner, W. H. Dyke. The numbers being:—Dyke, 3710; Holmesdale, 3542; Solomons, 2956. After this Lord Holmesdale was raised to the House of Peers, before the death of his father, Earl Amherst.

In April, 1880, Mid Kent was contested again, and upon this occasion *W. H. Dyke, Esq.,* had *Sir Edmund Filmer* for his partner (the colleague of Lord Holmesdale, in 1859) and *Mr. Cazalet,* of Fairlawn, and *Mr. H. Elphinstone,* on behalf of the Liberals. The Liberal cause, however, was unsuccessful as it had been since 1857, though the Ballot was in operation, and upon which the Liberals had, as in 1874, placed much confidence. The numbers being:—Dyke, 4056; Filmer, 3783; Cazalet, 3318; Elphinstone, 3020.

Between the years 1880 and 1885 another great wave of electoral arrangements had become law. Kent, instead of three county divisions, was extended to eight, and the Franchise from £12 rating to Household Suffrage, making the counties even with the boroughs and cities of England, they having had that power conferred upon them some few years before. For these eight divisions in Kent, only *one* member for each division to be returned. This change was considered by the Liberals to be greatly in their favour, and large results were expected from it throughout the county. But hitherto they have been doomed to disappointment, since the eight members for the eight divisions are all Conservatives. Benenden is in the Ashford division, and as might be expected Liberals were anxious to see what *Household Suffrage* and the Ballot would do for them. The Conservatives put forward *W. Pomfret-Pomfret, Esq.,* of Goddington Park, a banker of

Ashford; and the Liberals, a *Mr. Whiteley*, a Barrister from London. But the multitude of voters, and the Ballot, has as yet made no change. The Poll was taken on the 3rd of December, 1885. The numbers were:—Pomfret, 6020; Whiteley, 4895. In Benenden parish there are now about 300 voters, and only about 40 after the first Reform Bill had passed. How people vote now of course is not known individually, but one thing is very evident political feeling is much milder than it was 50 years ago. No doubt Mr. Hodges would have been the last person in his parish in 1832 to expect Conservatism to prevail, when every cottager in his parish could give a secret vote; but we must conclude from general results that such is the fact. And *Old Time* may be challenged to produce an owner of Hemsted estate more popular than the present Conservative noble Peer, and Lord President of Her Majesty's Council; for very few parishes in the county can exhibit such extensive improvements therein, as those which have been effected by the Right Honourable Viscount Cranbrook.

The number of Electors now, in the Ashford division of the county of Kent, is about the same as it was one hundred years ago, for the *whole county*.

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FAMILY OF MUNN.

By A. L. HARDY.

Amongst the families of Benenden were the Muns or Munns, who were probably of the same stock as those of Hackney, Middlesex, and of Otteridge in Bearsted, Kent (Hasted v. 509), of whom was the eminent political economist and author, Thomas Mun (1571—1641.)

Several were "clothiers" or "broad-weavers" of good position at Cranbrook, in the 17th century, when that town was a centre of a woollen manufacture.

A Thomas Mun was M.P. for Hastings in 1681, and in the Convention Parliament of 1689, and one of his sons, Vere Munn, was Vicar of Bodiam, Sussex, from 1713 to 1736. Another descendant of this branch, who bore the same arms as the Muns

of Hackney, was Dr. Samuel Munn, of Hastings and Ashford, mentioned in Moss's History (p. 119), who was ancestor of Edward Hussey, Esq., of Scotney Castle, Lamberhurst. (Arch. Cant. xvii. 42). Sprung from the Benenden branch was, probably, Richard Munn, of Ewhurst, near Bodiam, who appears to have been baptized at Benenden, 27th April, 1690, and in 1728 married Elizabeth, second daughter of William Pix, gentleman, of Hawkhurst, (ob. 1723) on whose monument in Ewhurst Churchyard, near that of his son-in-law (ob. 1746) are sculptured the arms of the ancient family of Pix (Az. a fess bet. 3 crosses crosslet fitchée or, with crest, on a chapeau gu., turned up erm., a cross crosslet fitchée or, bet. 2 wings expanded az.) The descendants of this Richard Munn migrated to Hawkhurst, Marden, and Maidstone.

The armorial bearings of Munn occur on monuments in the churches of Bexley, Otham, Bodiam, Ashford, and Sheldwich, and in a window of Trinity Church, Margate, of which Paul Sandby Munn (1773—1845), a water-colour artist of some repute, and pupil of Paul Sandby, was a benefactor. His tomb is in S. John's Churchyard, Margate.

The Munns of Benenden, and those of them who went thence and settled in Rolvenden, Fairfield, and Brookland, were originally butchers and graziers.

Benenden, Rolvenden, and Brookland Churchyards contain monuments of these Munns. Their descendants, of Tenterden, intermarried with the armigerous family of Mace, of that town. In Brookland Church is a marble tablet to John Munn (ob. 1813), whose grandson, the Rev. John Read Munn, was Vicar of Ashburnham, near Battle (ob. 1878).

Another family of this name, connected with Benenden, of humble position, and not apparently related to those already named, must here be mentioned on account of the extraordinary career of one of its members, Thomas Munn, who rendered himself notorious as a smuggler and highwayman, and was executed at Chelmsford, April 6, 1750, for robbing the Yarmouth Mail. From his autobiography, written while under sentence of death, it appears that his uncle, John Munn, kept a tavern at Cranbrook. The criminal mentions that his mother (of whose

good influence he was deprived by her death, whilst he was a child), was a member of the Baptist connexion at Cranbrook. Both he and his eldest brother, John Munn, worked at brick-making on the estate of Sir John Norris, until Thomas left his home, and, led astray by evil companions, entered on a roving life of adventure in Kent and Sussex and other parts, engaging in contraband trade with a sloop of 70 tons, and making voyages to France for the purpose of smuggling, bringing himself into conflict with the officers of His Majesty's Customs, and finally appearing as a Jack Sheppard, in Essex, as described in his published "last dying speech and confession," as such auto-biographies as that before mentioned were usually styled.

These references are of interest as regards Benenden, because there is little doubt that Thomas' brother, John, was a most respectable and industrious man, and was the same person who was baptized by immersion in the Baptistery in Cranbrook Church, 1718, when he is supposed to have been about 23 or 24 years of age. (See Tarbutt's *Annals of Cranbrook Church and its Ministers*, p. 67; where, however, "Thomas" appears to have been mis-printed for "John.")

He is probably mentioned again on the Table of Benefactions in Benenden Church, thus:—"A small house for poor people to dwell in, and also lands belonging to the same, which lands alone are rented at £6 10s. a year, now in the occupation of John Munn, Brickmaker, called Feoffee lands, disposed of by the Minister," &c. "Two small houses at Iden Green for poor people to dwell in, and one field rented by Mrs. Munn at £1 a year," &c.

The same John Munn was a freehold voter for Kent in 1734; and the will of John Munn, of Benenden, Bricklayer, was proved at Canterbury, March 29, 1742, and that of his widow Mercy, administered May 8, 1764.

The ancient freehold dwelling at Benenden, still known as the "Burnt House," was occupied by the worthy relatives of "Tom the Smuggler," who for four generations followed their avocation of brickmaking and farming.

An interesting account of smuggling in the Weald of Kent is given in Furley's History (II. 618), and by Mr. W. D. Cooper (Sussex Arch. Coll., vol. x.)

It appears that import-smuggling, during the eighteenth century, grew into a recognised occupation, and the smugglers became so bold and violent that the Government was compelled to adopt firm measures to suppress them.

The most formidable was known as "The Hawkhurst Gang," and was a long time a pest to the Weald. Some Volunteers, known as "The Goudhurst Band of Militia," and led by one Sturt, formerly in the army, determined to measure their strength with the smugglers, headed by Thomas Kingsmill, the leaders on both sides being natives of Goudhurst. A conflict ensued between the two bands, both being provided with firearms, when three smugglers were killed and others wounded, one Woollett, of Cranbrook, being shot in Goudhurst Churchyard. This occurred in 1746. He was buried in the churchyard at Cranbrook. The "Hawkhurst Gang" was shortly afterwards broken up, Kingsmill, their chief, being executed at Tyburn in 1749, and his body hung in chains at Goudhurst Gore.

PEDIGREE OF MUNN, OF BENENDEN AND

George Munn, of Benenden, Butcher and "House-holder;" b. 1603; bu. 31 May, 1667. = Elizabeth, ... Fairemau; b. 1610, Rich. Coker, of Egerton. Mar. Lic. 10 Ma

George Munn, of Linton, Butcher. = Elizabeth, ... Godden, of Lenham, m. there 29 Nov., 1659; bu. 27 May, 1696.

Jeffery Day, Widower, of Linton, Tapster. = Anne, b. . . . 1641, m. Lic. 10 Aug. 1668.

Thomas, butcher; bu. 12 Nov., 1694, "poor." = Sarah, ... Weller; m. 8 May, 1666; bu. 16 May, 1716.

Benjamin, husbandman, bu. 31 Mar., 1696. = Elizabeth Milstead, wid., m. 26 Dec., 1691.

John, bap. 28 Oct., 1692. Mary, bap. 20 Feb., 1693. Jane, bap. 12 June, 1695.

James Munn

George Munn, bap. 26 March, bu. 14 April, 1667.

Susan, bap. 3 May, 1668.

Thomas, bap. 30 Ap., bu. 30 May, 1671.

James, b. 4 Jan., bap. 18 Jan., 1673-4: butcher & "house holder"; d. 8 June, bu. 12 June, 1733. M. I. Will 13 Ap., prov. 9 July, 1733, at Con. Court, Cant. = Deborah, ... Hunt, b. 1685, m. 10 Nov., lic. 7 Nov., 1709; d. 20, bu. 27 Mar., 1748-9. M. I.

Thomas, b. 19, bap. 26 Mar., 1676.

John, b. 9, bap. 30 June, 1678.

George, b. 6, bap. 30 Jan., 1680-1; butcher, of Rolvenden; d. 1756. Will 6 Jan., 1747, prov. at Cant., 17 May, 1756. = Rebecca . . . . . .

George, of London. Thos. James Nore = Sarah. James

Benjamin, b. 2, bap. 26 Aug., 1683.

Edward, bap. at B. 1 Nov., 1687; mar. by lic. dat. 22 June, 1721. = Anne Blanchflower, of Beckley, Sus.

Richard, son of Thos. and prob. for "Sarah") Munn; Richard Munn who mar. at beth, 2nd dau. of Wm. Pix of Richard Munn, d. 2, and bu. 57. [M. I. there, S.E. and Munn, Thos. Munn (bap. at at Hawkhurst, 11 Ap., 1758 Marchant; d. bet. 1780 Samuel, Geo., and Sarah.

Thomas Munn, bu. 2 May, 1721.

Sarah, bu. 7 Mar., 1717.

Cordelia, bu. 3 June, 1723.

Deborah

Thos. Tress, b. 1710; d. 11 Jany., 1767. M. I. = Mary, m. lic. 7 April, 1733.

Fras. Tress. Thos. James.

James, b. 1718; butcher and yeo.; d. 8, bu. 13 June 1766. Will 23 March, 1764, prov. 28 Sep., 1766, at Cant. M. I.

Samuel, b. 1729, Gent., freehold voter in 1754; d. 29 Dec., 1780. bu. 3 Jan., 1780-1. Will 23 Dec., 1780, prov. 9 Jan., 1781, P.C.C., "Webster, 33." Leased for a year, lands, &c., at Iden Green, 23 June, 1777. M. I.

Samuel Hunt. = Anne, m. 10 Dc. (lic. 30 Sep.), 1751, at B.

Samuel Hunt.

Charles Heath, Gent.; b. 1722; d. 3 Jan., 1782, æt. 59. M. I. = Martha, b. 1731; m. 9 May, 1753; d. 3 Jan., 1782.

Henry Heath. = Anna Maria . . . . . Martha.

Samuel Munn Heath, bap. 15 Nov., 1788; m. 18 Oct., 1809; d. 1 Ap., 1862. M. I. = Nancy Butler.

William Chubb, b. 1725; of Lewisham; d. 20 Aug., 1786. M. I. = Cordelia.

Wm. Chubb. Ann.

Elizabeth, d. 8, bu. 13 Sept., 1780, æt. 48. M. I.

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PEDIGREE OF MUN, OF HACKNEY, LONDON, AND BEARSTED, KENT. By A. L. HARDY.

ARMS, (1562) *—"Per chev. flory counterflory, sa. and or, in chief three bezants, in base a tower, triple-towered, of the first." CREST.—"A cubit arm in armour, prop., grasping a lion's gamb erased gules." MOTTO.—"Omnia vincit veritas," also, "Memento mori." [See Harl. MSS., 1358, p. 14: 1444, f. 28: 1476, f. 34: 1551, f. 101, b.: and Add. MSS. 4964, fo. 101, b.: 5528, pp. 132 and 363: and 5533, p. 40: and Harl. Soc. XVII., 118.]

William Mun, of Mounthall, or Mounthill, Essex.
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William Mun, of Margaretting, Essex.
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William Mun, of Finchley, Middlesex.
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John Mun, of Hackney, Middlesex.

John Mun, of Hackney, & S. Andrew Hubbard's, Eastcheap, London. = Margaret Barwick. She m. 2ndly at S. And. Hubbard's, 25 Oct., 1574, Thos. Cordell, of Lon., Mercer.
Provost of Moneyers, Royal Mint, 1559. Member of Mercers' Co. in 1560? * *Arms granted to him by Clarenceux, in* 1562. D. in 1573. Will 20 Jan., 1571, prov. 14 April, 1573, P.C.C., "Peter, 12."

William Mun, of Hackney, Moneyer, Roy. Mt; bu. at Hackney, 5 Dec., 1610. Will prov. 12 Jan., 1610-11. Comm Ct. Lib. 21. 317. = Alice, d. of . . .

John Mun, b. at Hackney, 1564; Citizen and Mercer of Lon.; d. unm., 3 June, 1615, bu. in All-hallows Staining, Lond. Will 15 Apr., 1614, prov. 10 June, 1615, P.C.C., "Rudd, 66." (Stow's *Surr.*, p. 385 in 1618 edn.)

Agnes, bap. at S. Andrew Hubbard's, 31 Aug., 1567.

Rev. Edward Mun, M.A., bap. at S. Andrew Hubbard's, 28 Oct. 1568. Vicar of Stepney, fr. 16 Mar., 1597. Mar. (Lic. 13 Ap., 1599) at S. Olave's, Hart St., Anne (b. 1578) d. of Nicholas Barrey, Fishmonger, of S. Lawrence Pountney. [She m. 2ndly at S. L. P., Apr., 1604, Francis Barnham, of S. Edmund's, Lombard St., Draper, widower, neph. of Fras. Barnham, Alderman and Sheriff (1570) of London.] Rev. Edward Mun (miscalled by Newcourt "Mannes") was also Sub-Almoner to Queen Eliz., 14 Mar., 1599-1603, and Rector of East Barnet 26 Oct., 1601-1603. Bu. at Stepney 1[illegible] May, 1603. Ad. Lib. Vic. Gen. f. 110 a.

Thomas Mun, bap. at S. Andrew Hubbard's, 17 June, 1571, d. 1641; Merchant of Lond., of S. Helen's, Bishopsgate, and of Otteridge, in Bearsted. Director of the E. India Co., 1615-41. Author of "A Discourse of Trade from England unto the E. Indies," 1621, (reprinted in Purchas's "Pilgrimes") and "England's Treasure by Forraign Trade," pub. by his son in 1664. Will 28 Mar., 1640, prov. 24 July, 1641, P.C.C., "Evelyn, 92." Bu. S. Helen's Ch., Bishopsgate, 21 July, 1641. = Ursula, d. of John Malcott, of [Bidenham?] Bed. Mar. 29 Dec., 1612, at S. Mary Woolchurch Haw. Harl. Soc. XIX., 143, (Bedf. Vis., 1634.)

Elizabeth, m. Thos. Symonds, of Lon. She d. bef. 1640.

John Mun.

Alice. Ann.

John Mun, of Otteridge, admitted Member of Mercer's Co. in 1632, purchased Aldington, in Thurnham, in 1650. (Hasted). Will 31 Oct., 1670, prov. 23 Dec., 1671, P.C.C., "Duke, 146." b. 1615? d. 1671, = Elizabeth, d. of . . She d. 1695, bu. at Bearsted.

Anne Mun, b. 1613, d. 28 Oct., 1687, m. Sir Robt. Austen, Bart., of Bexley, High Sheriff of Kent, &c., b. 1587, d. 30 Oct., 1666.

Mary Mun, bap. at S. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 17 Feb., 1617-18, m. Edw. Napper, of Puncknoll, Dorset. Sloane MSS., 4971, 113.

Thomas Mun, 2nd Lieu. H.M.S. *Cambridge*. [Will prov. 18 Jan., 1704, P.C.C.]

Elizabeth, d. Nov. 1716, bu. at Bearsted.

Paulina, b. 1653 = Thomas Fludd Esq., of Gore Court, Otham, (1650-1688) ma. Lic. 14 Sep. 1681
d. 8 May, 1722, bu. at Otham.

John, b. 2 Oct. and bap. 2 Nov. 1660, at Bearsted.

Anne, bu. 22 May, 1688, at Bearsted. [Ad. 17 June, 1688.]

Mary d. 1727. [Will 3 Nov., 1727, prov. 6 Feb. 1727-8, P.C.C. "Brookes, 52."]

Katherine, bap. at Bearsted, 27 May, 1662, d. in 1679. [Ad. 13 Feb. 1679.]

Thomas and Paulina, (twins) bu. at Otham, 20 Dec., 1683, æt. 5 days.

Thomas Fludd, bu. at O., æt. 1 year 7 mon., 4 June, 1689.

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PEDIGREE OF MUNN, *the Smuggler and Highwayman, of Cranbrook and Benenden.* BY A. L. HARDY.

. . . Munn, of Cranbrook, Gardener and Brickmaker, living 1722. =. . . Wife, d. about 1715, a member of Baptist Meeting at Cranbrook.

John Munn, of Cranbrook, Coffee house-keeper and Victualler. Bu. there 8 Feb., 1727-28. Will 22 Feb., 1726-7, pro. at Cant. 2 Mar., 1727-8.

John Munn, of B., Brickmaker; b. at Cranbrook, c. 1694; m. 26 Feb., 1716-7; *baptised by immersion* in the church at Cranbrook, in 1718; freehold voter in 1734; d. 1742. Will 22 Sep., 1738, proved 29 Mar., 1742, at Cant. Adm. 18 May, 1744. This John Munn is mentioned in Hasted, III., 84, occupied feoffee lands at Benenden, in 1736.

=Mercy (or Mary) Baker, bu. 12 Ap., 1764 Will ad. 8 May, 1764, at Cant.

A soldier, d. bef. 1750

Thomas Munn, Brickmaker, Smuggler, and Highwayman; b. at Cranbrook 1705; *m.* twice; hanged at Romford for robbing the Yarmouth Mail, 6 April, 1750. A rare pamphlet at British Museum (1417, e. 56) contains his autobiography, "The Life of *Thomas Munn*, alias, *The Gentleman Brick-maker*, alias, *Tom the Smuggler*, who was executed with *John Hall*, alias *Rich*, on Friday, the 6 April, 1750. at *Chelmsford*, and hung in Chains near *Rumford* Gallows, for robbing the *Yarmouth* Mail on the 20 July last. Containing, A full Account of his Behaviour during a great Number of Years, as a notorious Smuggler, Gamester, &c., Together with the many Pranks he play'd at *Canterbury*, *Cranbrook*, and other parts of Kent; at *Horsham*, and other parts of *Sussex*; likewise at *Salisbury*, *Bridgewater*, *Bristol*, *Portsmouth*, *Southampton*, *Yarmouth*, *Woodbridge*, *Ipswich*, *Colchester*, and other Ports in *England*; *also his expedition to France*, &c. Publish'd from the Copy all wrote with his *own hand*, *and deliver'd by him the Morning of his Execution* to Mr. Thomas Venden, *Turnkey of His Majesty's Gaol* at Chelmsford in Essex, *with a particular desire it might be printed.* To which is added, A Short Account of the Life of *John Hall*, his Accomplice, and the Manner of their being taken. Likewise their Behaviour at the Place of Execution. LONDON: Printed for THOMAS HARRIS, at *Aldersgate*; C. CORBETT, in *Fleet Street*, and sold at all the Booksellers and Pamphlet-Shops in Town and Country, and by all the Hawkers who carry the News. MDCCL. [Price Four Pence.]

An Elizabeth Munn, widow, probably, of this notorious Smuggler, was bu. at Benenden, 9 Mar., 1764.

A dau. b. 1707; m.; resided at Allington Fright.

Elizabeth Munn, bap. at Cranbrook, 31 Mar., 1719.

John, bap. at Cranbrook, 21 April, 1719.

Thomas Munn, b. 1732; bu. 19=Ann . . . bu. 24 July, 1759. Sep., 1803, æt. 71.

4 other children

Thomas Lucas, of Bromley. =Sarah Munn, bap. 11 Ap., 1757. Mar. Lic. dated 3 Sept., 1776.

Thomas Munn, bap. 24 July, 1759; d. 21 Aug., 1836; bu. 26. [M. I. in Chyd.] =Elizabeth . . . . b. c. 1746, d. 9, bu. 13 May, 1820, æt. 73.

Thomas Munn, Brickmaker and Farmer; bap. 3 Oct., m. 2 July, 1810; bu. at Heathfield, 13 Aug., 1864. =Margt. Marchant, b. at Maidstone 1783; bu. at Heathfd. 20 Mar., 1866.

James, bap. 16 Nov., 1787

John, of Tenterden

Elizabeth, b. 1791; bu. at Heathfd. 18 Oct. 1863

Elizabeth Ann Munn, bapt. 2 July, 1811.

Maria, b. 25 Jan., 1813; d. 5, bu. 10 Dec., 1814. [M. I. Benenden.]

Frances, bap. 30 June, 1815

Thomas Marchant, bap. 24 Ap., 1817; m.; living at Paris, Canada, 1887

George, bap. 14 Jan., 1819.

Harriet Arpaser, bap. 8 July, 1821.

Mary Jane, bap. 29 July, 1823.

At Benenden.

Note. This Branch appears to have migrated from Benenden or to have become extinct there.

ENTRIES OF NAME OF *MUNN* IN BENENDEN REGISTERS.

EXTRACTED BY A. L. HARDY.

BAPTISMS.

1654.	Mar. 30.	Richard, son of John and Elizabeth Munn, of Benenden.
1663.	Ap. 4.	Henry, son of John and Margaret Munn.
1667.	Mar. 26.	George, son of Thomas and Sarah Mun.
1668.	May 3.	Susan, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1671.	Ap. 30.	Thomas, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1673.	Jan. 18.	James, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1674.	June 21.	John, son of John and Sibill Munn.
1675.	Jan. 20.	Thomas, son of John and Sibill Munn.
1676.	Mar. 26.	Thomas, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1677.	Oct. 11.	William, son of John and Sibill Munn.
1678.	June 30.	John, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1679.	Mar. 30.	Benjamin, son of John and Sibyll Munn.
1680.	Jan. 30.	George, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1681.	Ap. 17.	George, son of John and Sybbill Munn.
1682.	Aug. 3.	Benjamin, son of John and Sybbill Munn.
1683.	Aug. 26.	Benjamin, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1686.	Aug. 9.	Sybill, daughter of Sybyll Munn, widow.
1687.	Nov. 1.	Edward, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1690.	Ap. 27.	Richard, son of Thomas and Susan Munn.
1692.	Oct. 28.	John, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Munn.
1693.	Feb. 20.	Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Munn.
1695.	June 12.	Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Munn.
1748.	Ap. 23.	Frances, base-born daughter of Elizabeth Munn, of Rolvenden.
1757.	Ap. 11.	Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Ann Munn.
1759.	July 24.	Thomas, son of Thomas and Ann Munn.
1761.	Nov. 23.	James, son of Thomas and Mary Munn.
1764.	Jan. 1.	John, son of John and Elizabeth Munn.
„	June 24.	Jane, daughter of Thomas Munn.
1766.	Feb. 4.	James, son of John and Elizabeth Munn.
1767.	Oct 18.	Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Munn.

1769. Mar. 10. Mary, daughter of Thomas and Jane Munn.
1770. Ap. 16. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Jane Munn.
1771. Sep. 7. James, son of Thomas and Jane Munn.
1772. Dec. 26. Ann, daughter of Thomas and Jane Munn.

(Probably married at Wye, to Thomas Winser, of that parish, by Licence dated 19 Jany. 1795.)

1774. Mar. 25. Stephen, son of Thomas and Jane Munn.
1779. July 11. Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth Munn.
1785. Oct. 3. Thomas, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Munn.
1787. Nov. 16. James, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Munn.
1795. Oct. 29. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of James and Phoebe Munn.
1802. Feb. 19. Ann, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Munn.
1803. Sep. 19. William, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Munn.
1807. June 2. Samuel, son of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn.
1809. May 14. Thomas, son of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn.
,, June 11. Ann, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1811. Feb. 17. Thomas, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
,, May 15. George, son of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn.
,, July 2. Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Munn.
1813. Mar. 7. Elizabeth, daughter of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn (Cordwainer).
1814. Dec. 6. Maria, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Munn (Farmer).
1815. June 25. Sarah, daughter of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn.
,, June 30. Frances, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Munn (Farmer).
1816. Sep. 15. Mary Ann, daughter of James and Ann Munn (Carpenter).
1817. Ap. 24. Thomas Marchant, son of Thomas and Margaret Munn (Farmer).
,, June 8. William Crispin, son of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn.
1819. Jan. 14. George, son of Thomas and Margaret Munn (Brickmaker).
1820. Sep. 14. David Crispus, son of Jarvis and Elizabeth Munn.

1821. July 8. Harriett Arpaser, daughter of Thomas and Mary Munn (Brickmaker).
1823. July 29. Mary Jane, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Munn (Farmer).
1826. Nov. 19. Thomas, son of Ann Munn.

MARRIAGE LICENCES ISSUED AT CANTERBURY.

1613. May 28. James Munn, of Benenden, Yeoman, and Sarah Strong, of Elmsted, Widow.
1639. Oct. 23. John Gibbon, aged 30, Bachelor, of Benenden, Husbandman, and Mary Munne, 30, Spinster, dau. of Sarah Munne, of Benenden.
1721. June 22. Edward Munn, Bachelor, of Benenden, and Anne Blanchflower, Spinster, of Beckley, Sussex.

MARRIAGES.

1659. May 1. Stephen Marshall, Miller, and Mary Mun, Spinster, both of Benenden (married at Hawkhurst, 21 June, 1659), Agreement.
1667. Ap. 28. Symon Neeve and Jane Munn.
1688. Feb. 10. Edward Hodge and Sybbill Munn, widow.
1691. Dec. 26. Benjamin Munn and Elizabeth Milstead, widow.
1716-7. Feb. 26. John Munn, of Cranbrook, and Mary Baker, of Benenden.
1738. Aug. 29. John Munn and Anne Harlock, widow.
1751. Dec. 10. Samuel Hunt and Ann Munn, of Benenden.
1756. Oct. Banns for Thomas Munn and Ann Avard, of Salehurst.
1760. Jan. 30. Thomas Munn and Mary Playford.
1768. May 16. Thomas Munn and Jane Paine.
1785. Jan. 24. John Turrell and Jane Munn (in the presence of Thomas Munn).
,, Nov. 15. Thomas Munn, widower, and Mary Barrington.
1791. Oct. 18. (Lic. 11 Oct.) Thomas Southon and Elizabeth Munn, both of Benenden.
1800. May 19. Stephen Munn and Elizabeth Hawkins, daughter of Joseph Hawkins, both of Benenden (Lic. 18 May, 1800).
1809. Ap. 3. Thomas Munn and Sally Chasmer.
1810. July 2. Thomas Munn, junior, and Margaret Marchant (present, John Munn).

BURIALS.

1658.	Oct.	21.	Margaret, daughter of George and Elizabeth Mun.
1665.	June	13.	Henry, son of John and Margrett Munn.
1667.	Ap.	14.	George, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
,,	May	31.	George Munn, householder.
,,	July	9.	George, son of John and Margrett Munn.
1671.	May	30.	Thomas, son of Thomas and Sarah Munn.
1672.	Dec.	22.	John, son of John and Sybill Munn.
1678.	June	23.	Thomas, son of John and Margarett Munn.
1678-9.	Jan.	3.	Richard, son of John and Margarett Munn.
1679.	Jan.	29.	John Munn, of Rolvenden, householder.
,,	May	20.	Benjamin, son of John and Sybill Munn.
1682.	June	1.	George, son of John and Sybill Munn.
1684.	June	6.	Margett Munn, widow, poor, drowned.
1685.	June	19.	John, son of John and Sybbill Munn.
1686.	Ap.	24.	John Munn, butcher, Householder.
1694.	Nov.	12.	Thomas Munn, butcher, poor,
1696.	Mar.	31.	Benjamin Munn, husbandman, who drowned himself.
,,	May	27.	Elizabeth Munn, widow of George Munn, butcher, deceased.
1712.	Sep.	2.	Katherin Munn, widow.
1715.	Sep.	16.	William, son of Thomas Munn.
1716.	May	16.	Sarah Munn, widow.
1717.	Nov.	1.	Mary, daughter of Thomas Munn.
,,	Mar.	7.	Sarah, daughter of James Munn.
1721.	May	2.	Thomas, son of James Munn.
1722-3.	June	3.	Cordelia, daughter of James Munn.
1730.	June	3.	Mary, wife of John Munn.
1732.	Feb.	15.	Mary Munn, widow, of Peasmarsh, Sussex.
1733.	June	12.	James Munn, householder.
1748.	Ap.	27.	Frances, child of Elizabeth Munn.
1749.	Mar.	27.	Mrs. Munn, widow.
1750.	Sep.	2.	John Munn, poor.
[1756.			James Munn was churchwarden at this date.]

1759.	July	24.	Ann, wife of Thomas Munn.
1761.	Nov.	28.	James Munn, infant.
1764.	Mar.	9.	Elizabeth Munn, widow.
„	Ap.	12.	Mercy Munn, widow.
„	June	21.	Mary, wife of Thomas Munn.
1766.	June	13.	James Munn, yeoman (affidavit by John Norris, Esq.)
1776.	Ap.	24.	Jane, wife of Thomas Munn.
1780.	Sep.	13.	Elizabeth Munn.
1781.	Jan.	3.	Samuel Munn.
1801.	Mar.	5.	Mary Munn, aged 68.
1803.	Sep.	19.	Thomas Munn, aged 71.
1811.	Mar.	27.	Thomas Munn, infant.
1814.	Dec.	10.	Maria Munn, aged 1 year 10 months.
1816.	Mar.	1.	Thomas Munn, of Tenterden, aged 58.
1820.	May	13.	Elizabeth Munn, aged 73.
1836.	Aug.	26.	Thomas Munn, aged 77.
1861.	July	22.	Jarvis Munn, aged 80.
1883.	Mar.	13.	Hetty Munn, aged 82.
1884.	Dec.	5.	Thomas Munn, aged 76.
1885.	Mar.	7.	George Munn, aged 73.

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PRESENTMENTS AT THE ARCHDEACON'S VISITATIONS.

The Presentments made to the Archdeacon of Canterbury, now preserved in the Cathedral Library, contain some interesting entries relating to Benenden. From the numerous folio volumes known as "Comperta et detecta, ex officio," the following extracts have been made.

DEANERY OF CHARING, 1560—1584.

1560. The detections made in the yere of our Lord good a thousand velx.

It y^s presented that *Robarte Aynstome* which was latelye churchwarden and *George Waghorn* which was sexten of our churche for delyveringe a waye a *cope* a *chesyble* ij *tunakles* and iij *albes* with all applls belonging ther unto one *John Rade* of our parish which will not as yet restore them again nor pay for them. This *cope* was gyven to our church by *Lawrence Patynden* now disceassed. xix Feb. 1560. (Archia. Ex Officio, &c.)

It is presented that *Edmonde Roberts* of Hawkhurst, and *Wm Watts* of Benynden, exors of *John Baseden* of Benynden for not fulfillinge of Lawrence *Pattindens* will of beninden in payeing of the *bequethes* according to his will.

It is pnted that *John Kete* of Beninden for wthholdinge of ij^s by the yeer from o^r church wch was given to the *fynding of a Lampe* in the *chauncell* wch ij^s by the yeer should be leuved out of a felde of his wch hys father payd &c.

1561. *Benenden.* It ys presented that they have *noe Vicar* but a curatt. It ys pnted that their then curat hath a benefyce in bodiham in Sussex. Three cases of immorality reported.

It is presented that *Geo Waghorne* in the tyme of his sexton shipp delivered owt of the church without consent of ye parish In wallen (woollen) about xx^ll which he will not bring again. xx Jan. (Lib. iv. 59.)

It ys presented that the Vycar ys not resydent, and the Vycaredge lacketh rapacon.

Darrell. sequestravit fructus. (v. 341.)

1563. In the parish Church of Ashford, on Monday the last day of February, 1563.

Benynden. Vicar dns *Willmus Darrell* not residet. Curatus dns *Mauricius Pennyall* comperuit.

It is presented that they had no parson the last quarter.

Mr. Dorell is pnted for not repairing of his Vicarage.

1659. *Bennington.* Detectum est that the *Church* Lackith *repacons*, and the church yearde is unclosed, and that place in the church *where the altar stode* is *unpayved.*

Detect est that *Richard Dumyor* hath not receyued the *holye communion* syncc Easter was twelve monithe for the wch he was presented to Mr *Denne* and standithe excommunicate, and also *Thomas Marshall* hath not receyed the holye communion this ij yeres.

Detec est that *John Sharpe* denyethe to pay certain money viz. xij^d accordinge to Sesse orderly made by the pishioners, and that he wyll give nothinge to the poor.

Rectoria appropriatur *Thome Guylford* Armigero vicaria et patronatu eiusd. Vicaria vacat.

Curatus dn̄s *Georgius Grayne* est coniugatus nullu het aliud beneficium non p'dicat nec est graduatus

Sunt in deā pochia domicilia 148. Coicantes 547.

[State of the Diocese, being returns delivered in by order of the Archbishop, A.D. 1569, f. 14.]

(This year one Nicholas Champyon was Rector of Little Chart, probably Darrell was dead, and this also rendered Benenden vacant.)

1577. Detectum est that *Rychard Sargant* teache *a schole without lycense.*

Also the sayd Rychard Sargant is vehemently susspected in religion. 28 Nov.

1578. We present Mr *Richard Gouldeford* and his *wyef* for *not receiving the Holy Communion.* 11 Dec. (f. 34.)

1581. We present that our *Chauncell* is in some decay for *want of pavinge. Stephen Sharpe* answered that it is not his charge to do it, for that the churchwardens have taken away the *steps*, and all the stuff there which should have done it, and he thinks they are bound by law to do it. 6. Ap., 1581.

6 July, 1581. Dn̄s *Marcus Saunders* cert that the said Chaunsell is repaired. (f. 99.)

We p'sente that we have a *byble* of the largest volume 1582. Dn̄s *Marcus Saunders* vicarius de Benenden cert that the said Byble is provided as is enjoynd. (f. 99.)

Our Chaunsell (Chancel) is in some decaye for want of paving.

1582. Item we p'sent unto you *Willm Casley* for making *disturbance in the Church* in the time of service. (f. 146.)

1583. *Mr Sawnder.* The minister werethe (weareth) not the Surples. It. he catechiseth not the youthe.

xxviij° Novembris, 1583, comperuit psonaliter dūs *Marcus Saunders* Vicarius ibm̄, qui allegat that there is no surples pvided et allegat that the parishioners will not send their children to be cathechized unde Dūs inuxit ei q^d tempore divinorum induend suppelliem iuxta, qd debit catechize & is dismissed.

It. the Churche yarde in some pte in defaute of ye minister is unfenced. 28 Nov., 1583, compt personl. dūs Marcus Saunders, qui negavit detecta et Johes Everynden Iconus ibm fatetur that the barres openinge to the churchyarde lyeth open so that the vicar's cattell come in there, and especially the swyne unde dūs ipm̄ ab officio suo dismisit.

No perambulations used 28 Nov., 1583, compt psol. *Johes Everynden* Iconus ibm̄ qui fatetur detecta unde dūs unxit ei qd publice agnoscat culpam suam coram vicario ministro et pochum ibm tempore divinorum.

12 Dec., 1583, Everynden did not appear, wherupon the dns pronounced him contumacious.

2 July, 1584, compt Everenden qui fatetur detecta et allegat that synce this psentment they have gone the pambulation in pte.

(Comperta et detecta in visitaco Reverendi dni Arch. Cant. p. decanat Charinge, 1583.)

1584. We p'sent *Jarvace Ainscombe* for that he doth say service in the Church and is not admitted, and further that he doth read falsely and so doth use the Holy Scriptures unreverently.

22 May, 1584, he confessed he celebrated in Divine service in the church of Benenden, and it was ordered that he should confess his fault according to the Schedule in the church of Benenden before the Minister, Churchwardens, and eight of the Parishioners.

One *John Davie* was accused of incontinency, and dūs iniunxit ei penitentiā canonicā more solito in the church of Benenden, absque linteris (without the sheet) 18 June, 1584.

We present *Thomas Davington* for beinge at the Alehowse at Benenden, using noe Trade for his Livinge, and for deserting his wife at Lewes. 31 July, 1584.

We present *Richard Davington for selling* bread and drink in *the time of Divine service*, and further that he hath been

admonished and answereth that he may retain strangers upon the Saboth day, and under this cloke receaveth of all sorts that will, both in the time of Divine service and preaching. July 31, 1584. It was ordered that he should publicly confess his fault before the Minister in the church of Benenden, in the time of Divine service. Not appearing he was pronounced contumacious, and excommunicated.

Fuit excommunico in ecclia de Benenden, 18 Oct., 1584, per dūm *Magrum Sawnders* ibm vicarium.

We say that we have within our Parish one *Mr. Browne* he kepeth *a Schole*, but whether he had Licence or noe we know not. He obtained Licence (case dismissed.)

It. we do present that *John Evernden* had a child born, and lived by the space of seventeen days and so died, *unbaptized*. 12 Nov., 1584, the said Evernden alleged that there was a friend of his which was desirous to be Godmother to his child, who dwelleth far off, and expecting her coming, in the mean God visited his said child with sickness, and took it out of this life.

Nov. 13, 1584, that there doth lack a cushen of silke for the *pulpett*, the *steple hackethe shinglinge*, the Church whitinge, and the churchyard enclosing.

Ordered a cushun to be provided, to amende the *shyngling of the Steple*, and to whyte the Church.

We present *Richd Widde* for his often *going out of the Church* in the time of Sermon and common prayer.

We present *James Badcock* for his *absence from the Church*, and not *receiving the Communion*, and he is a fugitive, and will be of no parish.

1586. *Gervase Morland* for *refusing* to *pay to a cesse* made for the repacon of the Church. 19 Jan.

A legacy of £100 given by *Thomas Gouldeford*, late of Benenden, deceased, for the releafe of the poor, and is yet unpaid, supposed in the fault of *Henry Gibbon*.

Jeames Badcock who *received not the Communion* this whole last year. 2 Dec., 1586.

1587. *Thomas Wells*, the elder, for keeping of *Bades* and other bookes of *Papistrye*. 30 June. (f. 90.)

Detectum fuit yt *Sr John Gulford*, Knight, deceased, gave one legacy of £c to certain psons then of ys parish, to be employed to ye byenge of a Stock of *Kyen* (Cows), which Kyen should be put forth to yearely ferme, the pfett (profit) whereof yearely to be distributed to the poor people of Benenden, and to the yearly mending of high wayes, within ye said Parish, as by his said will more playnely appeared, which legacy was due viij years past, and yet not paid according to the intent of ye said *Sir John Guylford*, which legacy we take it is to be payed by the executors of *Sr Thomas Guldford*, Knight, deceased, whose names are Edward Gage, of Bently, in Sussex, Esq., John Shelley, of Michelgrove, in Sussex, Esq., and *Richard Guldford*, of Hempsted, in Benenden. (f. 92.)

1593. We present *Stephen Sharpe* and *William Bentt* for *not coming to the Holy Communion*, according to the lawes in yt behalf prvided. 28 June, 1593. (f. 19.)

1594. *Gervace Morlen*, the elder, for that he doth *not orderlye come to the Divine service* on the Saboth dayes according to the Laws of this realm in that behalf provided, the which is a great offence to the congregacon. April 11, 1594. (f. 58.)

William Ramsden for a *swearer* usually. Oct. (f. 95.)

Thomas Richardson for *withholding his sesse* which he was sessed at towards the reparation of the *Church*. (f. 144.)

1597. *Wm Ramsden* for that he was presented for a comon *swearer*, and as yet hath not been reconciled. 11 May. (f. 35.)

1603. *John Gorham*, *Randall Gregory*, and *Robert Crothall* for *standing excom.* (excommunicate). 23 June. (f. 150.)

1608. *Henry Willard*, of Benenden, Nov. 13, for immediately after Evening Prayer in the body of the Church did (in most uncharitable manner) utter these words against the Minister, saying, "God or the devil fetch him away from us," whereupon ensued other speeches by others taking parte with him, in soe much that the lye was given three times in the Church by one *Lawrence Ilden*, &c. 3 Feb., 1608. Speaking of *Mr Huffam*.

I do present *Edward Burgesse* for that he kepeth his shoppe wyndowes and doores open the holly daies, uttering his wares to the example of many; his shopp being neere adjoining to the

Church. Also his wife for that shee refuseth to stand up at the time of the Confession of Faith, notwithstanding the Canon in that case provided hath been often read to them, and the whole congregation often times admonished, and put in mind thereof. 2 May, 1608. (f. 43.)

I doe present *Rose Watts* for that in ye time of *Catechisinge* shee refused to come to the Minister, being often times called by him in the *Chauncell* from his seate where ordinarily she useth to sit, and yet at lenth wth much to doe she came, where in most ridiculous manner she behaved herself, sitting upon a form and refusing to stand upp, being demanded to give an account of her faith; Besides, this *Rose Watts* seldom cometh to Church to Divine Service or holli daies, also at the time of ye Confession of Faith she seldom standeth upp, but either sitteth still, or else if she make an offer to stand up she doth nothing but laughe and use other very unseemly gesture in the time of the Confession. 2 July, 1608. (f. 44.)

I do present *Jarvis Marler*, ye younger, for that he very seldom, or not at all, resorteth to Church to Divine service, on the holy days being absent ye most parte of the holy days in Christmas last past, and on St. Thomas Apostle's Day before, and Twelve Day also, and on ye day of the Purification of our Lady. 2 March, 1608. (f. 44.)

I do present *Dayyd Elderidge* for that he teacheth children unlicensed, and also his wife, for that shee refuseth to stand upp all the time of the Confession of Faith, notwithstanding the often reading of the Canon in that case provided. 16 Feb., 1608. Answered: His wife doth not refuse to stand at the Confession. (f. 40.)

I present *William Watts* for yt on holy daies he wilfully absenteth himself from Church and Divine service, notwithstandeth he useth to go a hunting with hounds to ye evil example of others, and contrary to the King's Maties ecclesiastical lawes, and Canon in that case made and provided, and in contempt of his minister, who (he saith) is not his lawful teacher, affirming withall that his minister preacheth nothing but Esop's fables. 2 March.

Wm Watts did not appear, and was pronounced contumacious.

16 March, 1608, said he did go hunting with his hounds, but was at church in the afternoon of that day. The rest he denied. (Dismissed). (f. 45.)

The original of the subjoined is on a loose sheet.

Wm Watts of Bennunden.

To my Wif.

1. His calling of my wife Dalila in the Churchyard ymediately after Morninge Prayer Last Sunday: And often times before: and Whitstable Gyll.

His offering viij[d] a day for hir to pitche to his Waggon.

To my self.

2. ffirst his disturbinge of mee in the time of *Catechisinge*: affirminge mee not to be his Lawfull minister.

3. That I preache nothinge but Esop's fables.

4. That I am the Idlest Fellow in Kent or Sussex.

5. His Ridiculous behaviour all the time of Divine service and sermon, by laughing and other unseemly gesture in the church.

6. His begging of a Scotch dagger of one Thom. Mapsleden because he would swagger yt out with *Huffam* (the Vicar) at Canterbury.

7. His drinking to the *Bobtayle mare* (meaning his minister's mare) whose tail was cut off last Christmas Day in the morning.

8. His ridiculous and unseemly gesture towards his minister when so ever he meets him.

9. His exposinge his minister ymediately after Evening Prayer last 12 Feb. before the whole Parish at the Chauncell doore, *Mr Huffam* what is the ix[th] Commandmant.

1609. Itm. in the ffyrst one article we present *Christopher Whittman*, for *brawling* in our Church the xiij of November. (f. 600.)

Presented from Seasalter. Bennenden.

1. We say for ye 6 Art. and 7 we doe pūte *Mr Vincent Huffam* Vicare of Seasalter for we have noe service neither Wednesdaies nor Frydes nor Sundaies. To ye 46—49 all they be well.

2. Sufficient, saving the Vicarage House which is gone to ruine.

3. For ye 16, 17, 28, We say our Vicar is a licensed preacher, and hath ij benefices, but not resident at Seasalter, neither have we curate nor service. 30 June, 1609. (Ex officio LXX. f. 78.)

We present *Susan Tonge*, *Stephen Turner* and his wife, *Samuel Neale* & his wife, *William Champne*, and *Peter Sharpp*, singleman, late of Benenden, for that they have *not received the Holy Communion* att Easter last nor since to our knowledge. 16 Nov. (f. 102.)

1610. *Thos. Skells*, of Benenden, detect for bringing of his meate from Benenden to Cranbrook and selling it there openly upon the Sabbath days. 31 Jan. (f. 50.)

Benenden. Huffam. To the 46 Article we answer yt or vicar is not resident upon his vicarage of Benenden as the Court well knoweth, neither doth he give the 40th partie of his living to the poor of the parish as that article enjoineth. 7 June, 1610. (f. 9.)

29 July, 1620. *Mr Huffam* quem dns dimisit promising to pay.

1611. We present *Thos. Morlene* for that he hath not received the *Holy Communion* for 2 years. 19 Dec. 1611. (f. 108.)

1612. *Edwd. Morlene* for being unlicenced and keeping a *blynde Alehouse*, and suffereth danceing in his house on holy daies in service time and as we greatly suspect on the Sabbath. 22 Oct. 1612. (f. 160.)

Likewise *Thos. Harmon* for selling beere on the Sabbath day in the time of divine service. 22 Oct. (f. 161.)

Informatum est that *Richd Atkyns* of Benenden on *Whitsontwesdaye* last or some holidaye since *goe to plowe* all the day. 22. Oct. (f. 163.)

Edwd. Baneks Sideman of the Parish of Benenden did *mend hedges* on *Sonday* 28 June last, and on S. Peter's day last past did make or eutt haye. 6 Nov.

Denied he mended hedges, confessed he did take up and carry a little hay after Evening prayer on *S. Peter's day*. (f. 167.)

Hen. Tomkin and others upon S. Peter's day in the time of

divine service did dance in the house of one Ed. Morlene of Benenden. 6. Nov. (f. 168.)

Philip Martine for playing upon his *fiddle* upon unlawful times, as *upon S. Peter's day*, whereby to draw the younger sort of people to spend these times unlawfully. 19. Nov. (f. 170.)

1615. We present *Samuel Neele* for *carrying* of *wooll packs* either by himself, or his servant, upon the *Lord's Day*, and hath been heretofore admonished, but hath committed the like offence in times past, being a common Pack carrier. 14. Dec. (f. 43.)

1617. *James Munn* for that he doth resort to his *parish church not once in a month.* 23 Oct. (f. 132.)

1618. To the xth article we present *Henrye Gregorye* for that beeing of the age of *nineteen years* hee never yet offered himselfe to receave the *holye communion* in our parrishe. 6. Nov. (f. 180.)

Thomas Wilforde for not receavinge the *Communion* at *Easter* laste in our parish. 6. Nov. (f. 181.)

1629. *Thos. Haytre* and *Gervase Haytre* for that they do *not repair* but very seldom to our *parish Church*, neither have they received the Communion which was at Easter last now at any time since to our knowledge. 13 Jan. (f. 90.)

1632. *Mrs Anne Morris* and Margaret her made for that they *refuse to come to the Church* who have been also formerly presented for the same. 30 May. (f. 133.)

Coddard Gresham for that hee doth practize *Phisicke* or Chirurgery *unlicensed* as the fame goeth. 27 May. (f. 242.)

1636. *Edwd Joanes* for *refusing to pay the church skott* which is viij^{s} viij^{d}

Geo. Apsly v^{s} iiij^{d}

Thos. Maplesden ix^{s} ix^{d} 4 May. (f. 270.)

1663. *Stephen Winsherst* 12 Feb. 1663 for detaining the keys of the Vestry where the surplice and other ornaments of the church are, and for not paying his sesse being £1 7^{s} 6^{d} (f. 341.)

Wm Cottingham for not going to church and for a sesse 10^{s} 10^{d} (f. 343.)

RELATING TO THE STEEPLE AND BELLS.

BENENDEN.

1691. Vicesimo die Apr. 1691, coram veli viro Georgio Oxenden legum doctor surrogate &c. notary Public, &c.

Appeared personally *Mr Thomas Lanier*, one of the Churchwardens of the parish of Benenden in the diocese of Cant^y and alleaged that the *Church and Steeple* of the said parish some years since were burnt downe by an accident of *lightning* and that the said Church hath for some years been rebuilt, but the *steeple not*, by reason the parishioners are not in a condition of ability as yet to do the same haveing been forwed to rebuild the said Church most cheifely at their owne expense and that there is remaining in the church a good quantity of the mettal of the bells lately belonging to the said Church which were broken and made useless by ye fall thereof and fire aforesaid, and that the maiority of the freeholders and others of the said parish at a publique vestery holden lately in the said church have consented and agreed as by a paper which be exhibited under their hands and left in the Registry of this Court may appear, (a note see ye paper in ye file of instant 1691) that the principall mony raised by sale of ye said bell mettall be secured intire and the use and interest thereof, to be yearely laid up and secured also till it make such a sume as may enable the said parish to rebuild a steeple, and put up a new sett of bells, in case the Ordinary shall allow whereof therefore he humbly prayed that he may have leave to sell and dispose of the said bell mettall and that the money arising by the sale thereof may be imployed to such uses as the maiority of the said parishioners have consented and agreed upon. Whereupon the Judge interposing his interloqutory decreed did order and decree that the present churchwardens of Benenden aforesaid have leave and license to sell and alienate the bell metall aforesaid, at the first rate they can and that they do att Michm̄as next bring in a certificate under the hands of the Minister and six or more of the chiefe of ye Parishioners, (In margin— ex^tum est cer. de pondere campanar &c. de remanet sup filo instan. 1692) what is the just and true weight of ye said bell mettall and what the same hath

been or may be sold for, and in whose hands the said money shall be then remayning and did further order that the principal money so raised be secured by the best ways and means ye parish can, and that the sum be imployed as is desired by ye maiority of subscribers, and also the interest in case the sum be placed out at interest.

[Comperta et Detecta 1675—1698. Lib. XLIII. f. 186.]

BELLS.

These are eight in number :—

1. 1802.
2. 1802.
3. 1882.
4. Rev. Joseph Dunn, Vicar, 1764.
5. 1819.
6. John Saunders, LL.B. vic. 1719.
7. Deus benedicat fundatoribus nostris is G.G. E.G. R.G. S.H. Phill Gibbon armiger dinissimus benefactor.
8. Newcast 1753. Rev. Mr. John Williams, Vicar.

Church Bells of Kent, by J. C. L. Stahlschmidst. Pub. 1887. p. 148.

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RECORDS AT LAMBETH.

CHARING DEANERY.

Benenden v. King's Books, 17. 12. 06.

Com: Value 40 or 50 at most. Pat.: Sr Joh: Henden, or Mr Watts.

Incumbent *Mr Rich : Monyman.* Accounted a good honest man. Mr Watts aforsd Ld of ye mannor of Fanatick principles. The Parish generally Presbyterian. Geo: Hammond, James Blackmore, Starre, & Hodley great ringleaders of ye sectaries and poysonrs of ye people.

[Catalogue of Benefices, Dio. Canterbury, 1663, p. 35. Lamb. Lib. M.S. 1126.]

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ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY.

To Incumbents and Churchwardens within the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, May 17, 1750. Cant rbury.

BY J. HEAD.

I. *Repairs.* The Pavement of the North Chancel to be repaired & the Pavement of the Church to be repaired.

II. *Furniture.* The Cover of the Font to be repaired. The Crack't Bell to be repaired & new cast.

III. *Books.* Provide a new Table of the Degrees of Marriage.

IV. *Vestments.* Provide a new Carpet for the Communion Table, & the Pulpit cushion to be new bound.

V. *Vessels.* Make an Inventory of the Church Goods & return a Copy into Court.

VI. *Ornaments.* The King's Arms to be repaired. Chosen Sentences of Scripture to be written on the Walls & Ten Comandments to be refreshed.

Churchyard. The Rubbish to be got from the Church Walls.

Defects supplied. The Crack't Bell only excepted.

THO. ROUST, } *Churchwardens.*
ROBERT JURY, }

Easter Visitation. Diocese of Cant. A.D. 1751, Lamb. Lib., I. f. 8.

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ANSWERS TO ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY.

By THO. CANT, May 1, 1758.

BENNENDEN.

I. *What Extent of Parish? What number of Houses? and Families of Note?*

My Lord,

The Extent of my Parish is about 7 Mile in length, and 4 broad one Way and 5 Another. We have about 140 Houses, containing 150 Families, and but one of Note, who have a fine seat here, now belonging to the Relict of the Right Honourable Sir John Norris, late Vice-Admiral of England.

II. *Are there any Papists in your Parish?*

About 50 years ago the Seat above mentioned belonged to a Roman Catholick Family—there were at that Time several Papists in this Parish, which are now (God be prais'd) reduced to one only, who is a large Farmer. His place of Worship used to be at Scotney, in ye Parish of Lamberhurst, in the County of Sussex, a House belonging to —— Dorril, Esquire. But I am informed that there has been no Priest there for a considerable Time, and that our Farmer, whose name is John Jenks, has been at no Place of Worship lately. His Sister in Law, on a Visit to Him from London, died here of the small pox about 9 years ago, & immediately upon her Death one Mr Benet, a Popish priest, came hither from Battle, in Sussex, on that Occasion, and staid here one night. And I can't learn that he ever was here afterwards. This is all that I know of the Papists with regard to my parish.

III. *Are there any Presbyterians? &c.*

We have three Presbyterian Families, tho' some of them come frequently to Church. No Independents, Two Families of Anabaptists, & the Master of one of them is a Teacher, whose Name is Mr Thomas Love, and he tells me he is duly licensed. The Methodists have lately troubled this Neighbourhood, tho' I can't learn that there are any settled here. There

is no Meeting House in this Parish of any Sort. The Number of Dissenters are diminish'd, as I have baptized several, having received proper Authority so to do from the late Archbishop Potter.

IV. *Are there any Quakers? &c.*

We have three Quakers in the Parish, one is a Widower of 80 and upwards, the other two are Man, and Wife, and very near as ancient; Their children and grand children are of the Established Church, most of them being baptized by me. As their Dues to me are but small, being only sixpence a year from the three—one of them commonly works it out in my Garden. They are respected for their Honesty & upright dealing by all the Parish.

V. *Are there any Persons who profess to disregard Religion?*

To the best of my knowledge there is but one person who notoriously neglects all public Worship of God on the Lord's Day. He has been spoke to by me & by the Parish officers frequently and even by our Magistrate, Mr. Norris; but he commonly absconds; when Mr. Norris is in the County. He is now under a sore Affliction, & his only excuse for not attending publick Worship, is, want of Cloaths. He is seemingly penitent in my presence, and says, that if it pleases God to restore Him to Health again, he never will forsake the Church.

VI. *Do you reside upon your Cure?*

I have resided upon my Cure above 16 years, and in the House belonging to it.

VII. *Is publick Service duly performed? &c.*

I officiate twice every Lord's Day, and preach once. I read prayers ev'ry St's day, & on the other days appointed by Authority, & on Wednesdays & Fridays in Lent, & in Passion week every day; during this season the children and servants are catechised. (As my Living perhaps is one of the smallest in the Kingdom, considering the Extent of the Parish, being about £40 a year, & consequently not sufficient to maintain a growing Family; my late Honble. Patron, Sir John Norris, together with ye most

substantial people in ye Parish, gave me Liberty to serve any other Church, provided I served twice at Home in the Summer. This I have sometime undertaken). I have frequently made use of Lewis' exposition of the Catechism, & given away several of them among my Parishioners. I have likewise given to some yt neglected ye comunion Archbishop Synge's Answers, &c., & several of Bishop Fleetwood's on ye same occasion. The Sacrament of ye Lord's Supper is administered 8 Times a year, viz., on the 3 great Festivals & Sundays after, & on ye two Sundays next after Michaelmas. Sometimes we have about 100 *Comunicants* at a Time.

VIII. *Is there any Free School?*

There is a large convenient Free School in this Parish, with a House belonging to it, well endowed, having two Farms in the Parish of the yearly Rent of £61. 10s. 00d. a year. The Founder was Edmund Gibbon, of Bennenden, Esq. In the year 1695 Major Gybbon, of Hole, Esq., gave an Exchequer Annuity of £14 a year as an additional salary to the Head Master, provided he be neither Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Reader, and if he be, then to ye use of Poor Girls. The Governors are Phillips Gybbon, John Norris, Richard Norris, Harry Norris, Robert Monypenny, James Monypenny, & William Tempest, Esqrs.; Samuel Hunt, Gent.; Thomas Love, Anabaptist Teacher; John Witherden, Yeoman; and John Blackman, Gent. The Statutes, &c., as far as I know, are well observed.

IX. *Is there a voluntary Charity School?*

None.

X. *Have any Lands?*

We have Two Cottages, with some Land, rented at £7. 10s. a year, and £5 a year issuing out of Lands in other Parishes: the said Sums, together with the money collected at the Altar, are distributed ev'ry Christmas to the poor of the Parish, and a regular Account of such Distribution is kept in a Book provided by the Parish for that Purpose.

XI. *By whom Offertory disposed of?*

By Minister and Churchwardens at time above mentioned.

XII. *Is there any other matter? &c.*

The Methodists, as I observed under the 3rd section, have lately disturbed this neighbourhood, tho', I thank God, my People in general very much abhorr them, even all the Parish, as far as I can learn, excepting one James Buckland, a Weaver, and some part of his Family, at whose house, one that goes by the name of Mitchel once preached: viz., on last Ascension Day at night, about a month after that one Briant preached under the same man's Hay Stack. This is all that is new in my Parish, that requires your Grace's good Counsel and Discretion, as I apprehend such people are not authorized by Law. I am

May it please your Grace, your Grace's very obedient
Son, and most humble servant,

JOHN WILLIAMS, Vicar.

[Diocese of Canterbury, Vol. I., f. 15. Lamb. Lib. 1131.]

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WILLS OF PARISHIONERS.

In the name of God vij August 1507 I WILLIAM PATYNDEN of the pisshe of Benynden I bequeath my soule to God Almighty to or lady seynt Mary, & my body to be buried in the church of seynt George at Benynden, also I bequeth to the *high aulter* there xd Also I ordeyne a tap of a lb of wax to brenne before thymage of *seynt Kateryn* in the Church of Benynden by the space of vij yeres after my decesse. Also I ordeyne to an honest prest to syng in the Church of Benynden forsaid if the vicary will suffer the said preest there to synge, or ells to be att suche place as myn executor will assign the saide preest to synge for my soule my fader &c. by the space of three yeres after my decesse x mrke a yere. Thomasyn my wif & children. lands and ten which I late bought of *Thomas Pelle* lying and beyng in the pisshes of Bydynden and Smden, mentions *Dyngilden* in the parish of Benynden, mentions Agnes my late wife.

Probatum fuit at Lamehith 12 Octob. 1508. [Bennett, fol. vi.]

In the name of God, Amen. The xij day of the moneth of Aprill 1508 I WILLIAM EDYNDEN of the pisshe of Benynden make my testament and last will in this wise first I bequeath my soule to God Almighty to our lady seynt Mary, and to all the holy company of heven, and my body to be buried in the churchyearde of seynt George at Benynden. Also I bequeth to the *high aulter* there for my tythes forgotten and negligently withholden iij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I ordeyne a taper of a lb. of wex to brenne, in the church of Benynden before the ymage of *seynt John the bapte* as long as het will endure. Also I ordeyne another tap of a lb of wex to brenne in the seid church *before thymage of seynt Erasm^{s}* as long as hit will endure. Also I ordeyne another tap of a lb of wex to burne in the said church as long as it will endure before *thymge of seynt mighell* the *archangell.* Also I ordeyne another tap of half a lb. of wex to brenne in the saide church as long as it will endure before thymge of *seynt Antony.* It I ordeyn another tap of half a lb of wex to brenne in the said church as long as it will endure before thymage of *seynt Blase.* Also I ordeyne to euy of my godchildren iiij^{d} It I ordeyne to an honest prest to synge in the church of Benynden for my soule my fader and my moders soules and for all xpen soules a trentall of masses xij^{s} . Also I ordeyne to an honest prest to synge in the church of Borne for my soul, &c. Mentions his wif Jone executor & children, all wood &c., tymber bought at Cranebrook and at Scullysgate.

Probatum fuit 16 May, 1508. [Adeane xxxv. f. 35.]

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PARISH REGISTERS.

The early Registers of the Parish have unfortunately perished. Those only accessible date from 1653.

"Acordinge to an acte of Parliamente tuchinge marriages & Births & Burials dated the 22 of August 1653 for the enpouringe of each parish to chouse a Register one or before the two & twentieth of September nexe ensuinge the mager parte of the Parishe of Benenden in the Countie of Kente met to gether, the 13th of September & did there elect for there Parish Register George Boys which said George Boys was then aproned & sworne by me whose name is heare under written a Justice of the peace."

The Burial Registers, 1734—1748, are missing.

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POPULATION.

Years.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1569	547 Communicants.	...	...
1640	500 Communicants. John Lewis, M.S. 1125, p. 36. Lamb. Lib.	...	...
1758	150 Families. Articles of Enquiry, I. f. 15, Lamb. Lib. 1134.	...	...
1801		...	1300
1811		...	1322
1821	912	834 (W. H. Ireland)	1746
1831		...	1663
1841*		...	1594
1851	839	769	1608
1861	873	789	1662
1871	791	762	1553
1881	820	778	1598

* 1841. The decrease of population in Benenden is attributed to 160 persons having emigrated from the Parish since 1831.

HOUSES.

	Inhabited.	Uninhabited.	Building.
1569	148	...	...
1758	140	...	...
1821	274	...	...
1841	296	15	...
1851	310	5	1
1861	309	17	2
1871	317	12	...
1881	309	18	1

Area in Statute Acres 6693.

Real Property as Assessed April, 1815, was £5,778.

EVENTS RELATING TO BENENDEN.

A.D. 993. In a Charter of King Ethelred are found the *denes* of Hæmstede [Hemsted]; Begingeden [Benenden]; and Bydingden [Biddenden].

(Furley I. 144).

1086. Domesday Book mentions *Benindene*, it being one of the four places in the Weald returned in the Survey as possessing a Church.

(Domesday Book of Kent, by Rev. L. B. Larking, pub. 1869. 42. Furley. I. 219, 223, 398.)

Benenden was held by Robert de Romenel of Odo, Bishop of Baieux. (Furley. I. 220.)

Extract from Domesday Book.—"The same Robert holds of the Bishop Benin dene. It answers for half a suling (or ploughland). There is the arable land of two teams. In demesne there is one team. And four Villans with nine Bordars have two teams. And one Church. In the time of King Edward and afterwards it was worth 40 shillings, and now 50 shillings. Osier held it of King Edward."

["Villans" were tenants of the lord of the manor, to whom they paid, in some cases, rent, but in most, service: *e.g*, by finding ploughs, oxen, horses, &c., for his demesne lands, and provisions for his house. They later became copy, or even freeholders, with fixed quit rent. "Bordars" were cottagers of the manor, and supplied eggs, poultry, &c., to the lord. Villans were free, but could not alienate without leave of the lord.] (Lord Cranbrook's lecture.)

1215—28. John Prior, of Christ Church, Canterbury, confirms to the Priory of Cumbwell (founded as an Abbey, for Canons of the Order of S. Augustine, by Robert de Thurnham, who in the reign of Henry II. gave a spot called Henlie, in Goudhurst,

for the Abbey buildings, and endowed it with the Manor of Cumbwell) the churches of S. Mary of Thurnham, and *S. George of Beninden*, conceded to it by Abp. Langton.

(Archæologia Cantiana. v. 194 : vi. 196.)

1241. *Joan de Beningdenne* reported as a defaulter in the Plea Rolls temp. Hen. iii.

(Furley ii. 35.)

Eustace de Hamstede was summoned because present when *Ralph La Weyte* struck Adam de Croucheshorne with a club on the head, so that he died. (Furley. ii. 36.)

Joyce de Beningdene taken for suspicion of robbery, for that he conducted himself foolishly in Maidstone. (Same p. 39.)

1251. Writ to enquire whether the land of *Ralph de Weyte* in Benindenn, outlawed for felony, had been in the King's hands a year and a day. He held the land of the Abbot and Convent of Robertsbridge. *Thomas de Benindenn* was a juror.

(Arch. Cant. ii. 306.)

1253. *Roger de Bynindenne* among the holders of Fees, 38 Henry iii. (Arch. Cant. xii. 221.)

1288. *John de Beninden* ordained an acolyte, Sep. a.d. 1288.

(Registrum J. Peckham, pub. 1857., iii. p. 1048.)

1291. Benenden mentioned in the "*Taxatio Ecclesiastica of Pope Nicholas* iv.": being further proof that a Church existed at that period:—Temporalia Abbatis de Ponte Robt. In Prumhell & Bevendene (Benendene) £12 10s 10d (Pub. 1802, f. 5.)

1308. Robert de *Hemstede* also *Cecilia* his wife, and land in Benyndenn are mentioned among the *Kent Fines*, levied in the reign of Edward II. (Arch. Cant. XI. 322.)

1309. James de Benyndenne *v.* the Prior of Combwell.

1311. Stephen, son of *John atte More*, of Benyndenne, appears as plaintiff, and *John atte More*, of same as defendant. 5. Edw. II.

(Arch. Cant. XI. 346.)

1323. Henry le White instituted Vicar.

1333. James de Echynghamme was the plaintiff, and Richard, prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, and certain fellow monks were the defendants. The injury to be redressed was the breaking the close of *James de Echynghamme* at *Benyndene*, and felling and carrying away by the Prior of the trees growing there. The trespass was committed at a place called, *Knolle*, in Benenden, in which there was a drovedene held of Christ Church, Canterbury therefore the Prior claimed the right. (Furley, II. 332.)

1346. Among the assessments for the Aid to Knight the *Black Prince*, Anno 20, Ed. III., are found the names of *Johanne de Benyndoun* and *Roger* de Benyndoun. xl.s. (Arch. Cant. X. 140.)

1418. Licence granted for the dedication of the Church of Benyngden newly constructed and churchyard; to consecrate *three altars* and bless four bells. Licence for the removal of the Feast of the dedication.

1504. Old gravestone in More's Chapel. Walter More ordered to be buried in our Lady's

chapel, in this church, and gave £3 6s. 8d. to buy a chalice of silver, & gilt, to be used at *our lady's altar* there. (Harl. MS. 2129, 221, b.)

1508. Wills of W. Edynden and W. Patynden.

1511. Will of Thomas Glover, of Benynden. It. to the high aulter of *Cranebroke.*

I will that there be made a dore to the utter porche dore at the North side of the *Church of Benynden* with two wyndowes of wood to the side wyndowes beying in the said porch. (Fetiplace, 4.)

1523. George Gilford who then possessed Hemsted, procured an Act of Parliament for altering Highways in the Weld of Kent, which mentions an ancient common way in the Hundred of Cranebrook, between the bridge dividing the Hundred of Cranbrook from that of Rolvenden, to Tenterden Cross, nigh to a great oak called *Hemsted Oak*, which was in divers places "*right deep and noyous,*" and not so direct as one over the lands of the Manor of Hemsted. (Furley II. 490.)

1535. In the "Valor Ecclesiasticus" (pp. 87, 96) we find;—"Monasteriu de Combewel Cantu Dioc." Itm. the psonage of Benynden with the glebe. £xx.

Benynden vicarius revend' pater dñs Georgius Crom' Archiepus Arma can.' xvij, xij, vj.

Xma inde xxx^{s} iij^{d}

1553. Church goods seized belonging to Benynden comprised :—

1 chrismatory silver & parcel gilt 19¾ oz.

2 paxes silver & parcel gilt 7½ oz.

2 little bells silver 1¾ oz. Sum. 29 oz.

Sir John Guldeford, Knt. certified the Ornaments sold for £1. 10. 0. (Arch. Cant. XIV. 323, 324.)

1573. Queen Elizabeth was entertained at Hemsted, by Sir Thomas Guldeford in her progress through Kent, August 10, on her road from Bedgbury in Goudhurst to Rye. (Furley, II., 494, also Nichols, Queen Elizabeth's Public Processions, 1788. I. p. 31.)

1607. Date of Brass in the Church.

1653. Parish Registers begin.

1672. Benenden Church and Steeple destroyed by storm of thunder and lightning, 29th December.

1678. Church finished after re-construction, and first child baptized therein.

1684. Oldest Monument in Churchyard.

BENENDEN TOKENS.

Obverse. RICHARD. GRANT. OF—The Grocers' Arms.
Reverse. BENENDEN. IN. KENT — R.M.G. Farthing.
(Seventeenth Century.)

1794. Obverse. A wheat sheaf. *Peace and Plenty.*

Reverse. The arms of the town of Maidstone, but without supporters. *Benenden Halfpenny*, 1794.

Edge. *Payable by Thomas Reeves, Benenden.* (Furley, II, 837, 843.)

1822. William Cobbett (who died June 18, 1835) writes: "On leaving Goudhurst I mounted my horse and jogged on through Milkhouse Street to Benenden, where I passed through the estate and in sight of the house of Mr Hodges. He keeps it very neat, and has planted a good deal. His *ash* do very

well, but the *chesnut* do not, as it seems to me. He ought to have the American chesnut if he have any." (Furley II. 652.)

Sir John Norris is said to have planted the avenue of firs at Hemsted, opposite the Staplehurst Lodge, with seed which he had brought from Sweden in one of his cruises. (Lord Cranbrook's Lecture, p. 7.)

CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL AT IDEN GREEN.

By WILLIAM TARBUTT.

This Chapel was erected in the year 1837, at a cost of £300, raised mainly through the efforts of Mr Thomas Avery, who was its first Minister. Previous to the erection of the Chapel, Mr Avery conducted religious services in a house, at Field Farm; and there also formed a Sunday School, which is still kept up.

The Chapel was opened on the 19th of April, 1837.

The following is a List (as far as can be ascertained) of those who have ministered therein :—

1837—1841. Mr. Thomas Avery.

1841—1846. Rev. D. W. Jenkyn.

1846—1850. Rev. Messrs. Hooper and Payne.

1850—1853. Rev. J. Oakshett, afterwards of Lenham.

1853—1863. Rev. Messrs. Laughton, Huggins, Thompson, Mr. W. H. Judd (a Layman), and the Rev. G. Onions.

In the year 1863 this Chapel was united with the Congregational Chapel at Cranbrook, by a stipulated arrangement made for one service on the Sabbath Day, in the afternoon.

1863—1868. Rev. John Spurgeon, Father of the celebrated C. H. Spurgeon, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London.

1868—1875. Rev. Jonathan Birdseye, now of Sutton Valence.
1875—1876. Supplies.
1876—1883. Rev. John York.
1883. Rev. William Vincett Cook, present Minister.
(Church History of Kent, by Thomas Timpson, p. 446, pub. 1859.)

1837. The Benenden Provident Society was established June 6. Number of Members in 1888 is 124, and the finances are flourishing. The present Secretary is Mr Thomas Avery, and Mr William Piper the President.

1848. Communion Vessels. The Cup, of this date, is thus inscribed, "Calicem Salutaris accipiam et nomen Domini invocabo."

Flagon, dated 1855, has thereon :—

"Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus."

Paten, 1860, bears "Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, da nobis tuam pacem." (Arch. Cant. XVII. 270.)

1857. Mr. Gathorne Hardy purchased Hemsted Estate. Whilst the new Mansion was in course of erection, the Family continued to reside in the old House, situate very near, but on lower ground.

1860. The Volunteer Corps (F. Company, 2nd Vol. Bn. The Buffs. East Kent Regiment) was enrolled July 18, 1860, when 25 Rank and File joined. There are now in 1888, 71 Rank and File, their Captain being Herbert Neve, Esq.

1862. Church reopened on Easter Day, after thorough restoration.

1881. S. George's Club House, erected by Lord Cranbrook, was opened November 9.

1882. Dec. 15. The Right Honourable Viscount Cranbrook gave a Lecture on :—
"The Past History of Benenden." Pub. 1883. pp. 8.

1887. June 6. Jubilee of the Benenden Provident Society.

1888. Viscount and Viscountess Cranbrook celebrated their Golden Wedding on Mar. 29. The event was commemorated by great rejoicings at Hemsted, April 4.

1888. A great Conservative and Primrose League Meeting was held in an immense marquee, on the Village Green, on Monday Evening, November 26. Vehicles of every description conveyed large numbers of people from the surrounding villages to attend this gathering. Portraits of the Queen, Lord Beaconsfield, and Lord Cranbrook, with quantities of flowers decorated the platform, placed in the centre of the marquee, the whole of which had been boarded. A wise precaution, as the weather was most inclement. Captain Tylden-Pattenson occupied the Chair, being supported by W. Pomfret-Pomfret, Esq., M.P., Canon Joy, Colonel Alexander, Colonel Monypenny, Dr. Joyce, and others.

Viscount Cranbrook then addressed an audience, numbering about a 1,000 persons. In his speech, which occupied about an hour in the delivery, His Lordship dwelt on the leading questions of the day, and specially on Irish affairs.

The proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character, and this was the largest Political Meeting ever held in Benenden.

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